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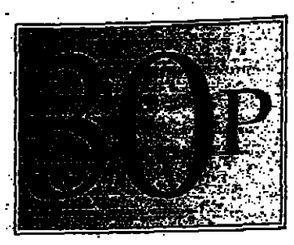
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Euro-sceptic backlash expected

Hurd to urge acceptance of voting deal

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd will today put his authority on the line by asking the Cabinet to accept the European Union compromise on voting rights.

The Cabinet was poised last night to accept the Foreign Secretary's judgment that he had negotiated the best possible deal in the circumstances and to step back from the brink of a crisis.

Mr Hurd was hoping to seal the agreement by securing important assurances from Brussels before this morning's Cabinet gathering designed to prevent legislation on the contentious social chapter being introduced in Britain by the back door.

The opt-out negotiated by John Major at Maastricht has increasingly been circumvented by Brussels, one of the factors that led to the voting controversy blowing up in the first place. British officials in Brussels were yesterday negotiating for undertakings that would prevent proposals such as the 48-hour working week for Europe going through against the Government's wishes.

Although there will be general relief that yet another saga in Britain's troubled relations with Brussels has ended, the Government will face a backlash from Conservative Euro-sceptics for accepting a weakening of its powers to block unwelcome legislation.

More significantly, the Prime Minister and his colleagues were coming under attack last night for what senior backbenchers saw as a serious mishandling of a dispute that has ended with Britain failing to get all the safeguards it had wanted.

Mr Major was criticised by several MPs for "marching us to the top of the hill" with his forceful Euro-sceptic remarks last Tuesday, and then apparently being prepared to accept a deal that fell short of what was needed. Mr Hurd was believed by friends to have regarded Mr Major's rhetoric as unwise.

The misgivings are likely to be reflected in this morning's Cabinet discussion, when the prominent rightwingers — Peter Lilley, Michael Portillo and John Redwood — are expected by their backbench friends to raise the Euro-sceptic standard. Mr Hurd and Mr Major refused yesterday to say whether they would recommend the deal to the Cabinet. Mr Hurd said he would "keep his counsel".



'John Major faces the dilemma of every poker player without four aces. He has raised the stakes, and is now being called'

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Senior government sources suggested last night, however, that Mr Hurd believed that he had gone as far as he could in the round of talks he has been conducting with EU foreign ministers. Their ingenuity had been exhausted, the sources said.

At the same time, ministers and government departments embarked on a concerted effort to "sell" the compromise plan. Tory MPs were being told by ministers that the plan was a "substantial gain". Ministers defended Mr Major's tactics, saying that if he had not raised the stakes Britain would have secured little in the way of concessions.

In the Commons, Mr Hurd described the plan to allow the EU blocking minority to rise from 23 to 27, provided it is accompanied with safeguards to protect Britain's interests, as a transitional arrangement to cover the position before a "root and branch" review of the voting system in 1996. He said that the concession won by Britain requiring a "reasonable delay" on issues opposed by the existing blocking minority of 23 meant that the EU would be bound to work for an agreement that satisfied that minority.

One of Mr Hurd's successes was to defeat French and Dutch insistence that the delay should be for a specified period, perhaps only three months. In addition Downing Street and Foreign Office sources emphasised what they said were extra protections for Britain.

Because the compromise would be legally binding, Britain would be able to take the EU to court if it felt that it was trying to curtail the cooling-off period. In extreme circumstances Britain would be able to invoke the so-called Luxembourg compromise, which allows member states to hold up decisions if they are against their national interest.

Government sources even said it would be possible to block hostile legislation using these mechanisms until 1996 if necessary. That interpretation was later toned down by ministers who admitted that there was no "100 per cent block".

In the Commons, ministers were accused of "weakness and vacillation" in the row. John Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, told Mr Hurd his position in the Cabinet was fast becoming untenable. "It would have been difficult to devise a sequence of events which did more damage to Britain's interests and reputation in Europe than the confused and contradictory behaviour of this Government over the last three weeks," he said.

In the Lords Lord Tebbit attacked the Government's tactics. There were gasps of astonishment when Baroness Chalker, Overseas Development Minister, rounded on him with untypical ferocity: "You seem to put agreement with political opponents before loyalty to your own party," she said.

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Nichola Conroy, who was killed by a man who burst into her maths class yesterday

Schoolgirl stabbed to death in maths lesson

BY RONALD FAUX

A GIRL aged 12 was stabbed to death and two classmates wounded as they cowered in a corner of their schoolroom after a masked man armed with knives and a gun burst into their maths lesson yesterday.

The man, dressed in army combat clothes, his face covered in a balaclava, attacked the girls after ordering all the children to line up against a wall. He lashed out with a knife, apparently because the girls could not stop screaming, while the teacher was out of the summoning help.

Nichola Conroy is believed to have died instantly. Her classmate Michelle Reeve, 13, was seriously hurt and was detained in Middlesbrough general hospital last night, although her life was not in danger. Emma Winter, 12, was allowed home from hospital after receiving eight stitches in superficial injuries.

The attacker broke into the second-floor classroom at Hall Garth comprehensive school in Acklam, Middlesbrough, at about 10 am while stand-in teacher Graham Nellist was giving a maths lesson. One pupil said he was brandishing two knives, shouting: "They have killed me and now they have killed all of you."

Souhail Malik said the man had stood over him with a shotgun. "I thought he was just going to stand there and shoot me in the head. But he ordered all teh boys in the class to get out of their seats. We all got up and he made us line up facing the wall.

"The teacher did his best to calm him down, but the man threatened him with the gun and made him leave the classroom." The attacker was eventually overpowered by Chris Bielby, the deputy head, and David Eland, the head of maths. But they were too late to save the girls.

Souhail said: "Everyone was screaming, but he shouted at us all to be quiet. He seemed calm, he wasn't screaming or shouting or swearing. He just lined us up and repeated 'they have killed me and now they have killed you'. There were some girls in the corner who wouldn't stop screaming and they were the ones he attacked. We were all facing the wall and couldn't see what was happening but it was horrible. We were all so terrified. He had a gun and a knife and he was carrying a bag. He said there were more guns inside it."

Peter Smith, the headmaster, described his pupils' ordeal as like something out of a film. Alerted by Mr Nellist, he looked through a window in the classroom door to see the children being lined up against the wall. "I immediately started to evacuate the building. A few minutes later, I returned to the classroom."

By then the girls had been stabbed and the intruder was overpowered by Mr Eland and Mr Bielby, who held him down until the police arrived. "They chose a moment when they thought he was off his guard and broke into the room and successfully managed to take him off his guard and make sure he was disarmed," Mr Smith said, adding: "As far as we know, he was a stranger to us."

Mr Bielby later described how he had seen the children kneeling against the wall while the attacker walked up and down, shouting and brandishing a pistol. He had barricaded the doors with two tables. "When he saw me at the door, he levelled the pistol at me, so I stepped to one side, so he could not see me."

Mr Bielby said he was joined by Mr Eland and they listened at the door. Then, said the deputy head, "I thought I heard a scream, so we looked through the door, and all we could see were blood stains on white blouses. We charged open the door and ran across to him. He reached for the gun out of a holdall. Mr Eland grabbed his arm with a gun in it and held it down. I got him in a bearhug and also held on to the gun.

"I managed to get the revolver off him and threw it to Graham Nellist, who was back in the room, and he took it away. We then wrestled him to the ground and restrained him until the police came. He never said anything because I had my knee on his neck. I never saw his face because he had a balaclava on."

Mr Bielby added that by the time the man was overpowered, all the children had left the room, save Nichola. She was curled up in the corner and Mr Bielby said he tried to revive her. "She had several wounds. I tried to give her heart massage, but it was fairly obvious she had died."

The school was closed yesterday and its 1,000 shocked pupils sent home. The school will open again tomorrow for the last day of term, when counsellors will be available to help pupils, staff and parents. A planned school trip to France has been cancelled.

The attacker had been let into the school by a fifth-former, Leanne Dolan, who thought he was a decorator. "He was wearing a black woollen hat and a blue jacket and was so scruffy I thought he was a painter or something," she said. Later, when the school was evacuated, she realised what had happened. "I walked past the class and

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Nightmare of war comes to the streets of Johannesburg

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

FOR four hours yesterday the Johannesburg city centre became a war zone. Bullets flew along streets in the business area and at least 16 people died. More were killed in the townships. Some estimates suggested a death toll as high as 30.

Several thousand Zulus came to the city to press the claim of their king, Goodwill Zwelithini, for a sovereign independent kingdom. Chanting and armed with sticks, spears and knobkerries, pistols and automatic weapons, they charged up to the headquarters of the African National Congress in Plein Sreet, to its regional headquarters in Jeppe Street, and into Library Gardens in the civic spine of the city, for a mass meeting. People died in all three places.

The violence came after a weekend in which, according to police figures, at least 55 people were killed in Natal and the KwaZulu homeland, including a baby ripped from its mother's arms by gunmen who shot dead two people.

In Johannesburg yesterday, Zulu demonstrators began attacking cars bringing officials to the ANC headquarters before nine in the morning. Security guards from the building charged outside, opening fire on the crowd.

The corner of King George and De Villiers streets, became an emergency dressing station as police and military medical teams dressed wounds and carried the grievously wounded away on makeshift stretchers. At one time more than 20 people were being treated.

At least six died in this area. One man lay for more than an hour, his face on the tarmac and his life ebbing from him through a massive exit wound in his back. Other bodies lay beside him, only the congealing blood in the gravel testifying to their condition. In Library Gardens a crowd listening to Humphrey Ndlovu and Themba Khoza, of the Inkatha Freedom Party, were put to frantic flight as shots rang out from one of the high buildings overlooking the site. I counted four bodies. A white policeman was shot, and demonstrators said at least two people had been killed by police.

Police with automatic weapons opened fire on the building where the first shots were thought to have come from, shattering windows and peppering office walls.

As the firing died down, Zulu *indunas* [tribal chieftains] ordered their warriors "Forward", and the demonstrators, waving spears and shields, reclaimed the streets.

There was a further battle outside the Pretoria-Witwatersrand regional headquarters of the ANC, where police returned fire from the marchers and from what appeared to be ANC security guards high above the street.

In a street near the ANC national headquarters a pro-ANC crowd seized a lone Zulu and hurled bricks at his head. His attackers continued stoning him until he was snatched taken away by police who fired in the air.

Carl Niehaus, of the ANC, said there had been "attempts by armed men to enter the building", adding: "There have also been reports of people shooting at the headquarters from buildings across the road. Security guards at Shell House fired in the air, but were forced to open fire in self-defence."

Lawrence Katz, an ambulance officer, said his came under fire from the ANC building when they arrived.

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Princess in tears

The Princess of Wales broke down in tears yesterday after appealing to photographers for privacy on her Austrian skiing holiday. Palace sources said she had been "harassed" both on the slopes and off during her week in Lech.

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British bulldog fails its IQ test

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE British bulldog comes almost bottom of the canine IQ scale, according to a professor of psychology in Canada who has drawn up the world's first ranking of the intelligence of dogs.

Stanley Coren, an experimental psychologist at the University of British Columbia and a part-time dog-trainer, ranked 133 pure-breds for his forthcoming book *The Intelligence of Dogs* by surveying 199 dog judges in North America.

His conclusion is that the border collie is the best dog at understanding and following human commands, and the afghan hound is the worst.

The bulldog comes in third from last — just above the afghan and the basenji — although the corgies favoured by the Royal Family come within the top 30.

Mr Coren draws a sharp distinction between "obedience intelligence", which requires a dog to do as it is told, and "instinctive intelligence", a dog's innate ability to do what it wants to do. He says that dogs which rate high on his scale will not necessarily please every owner.

"People should not go out and pick a dog on the basis of their intelligence any more than they would pick a mate on the basis of their intelligence," he said. "There are other qualities."

Mr Coren, who worked on animal psychology early in his career but now works with humans, contacted all the official obedience judges for dog shows in the United States and Canada, and received responses from about half of them. He says that the judges agreed that different breeds of dog possessed different levels of ability to follow human commands.

"The brighter dogs are able to figure out what we intend and keep several things in mind at one time," he said. "The slower dogs have difficulty figuring out what we mean and can only keep one idea in their mind. If anything else comes along, they're off." Mr Coren says dogs can be

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Obedient Tories chew on Dr Hurd's bitter Euro-pill

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Staggering into the Press tea room, comatose after Douglas Hurd's statement to the Commons on qualified majority voting, your sketchwriter happened upon a table at which journalists of great expertise were taking tea.

They began to discuss the exact nature of the compromise Mr Hurd had just reported: the technical advances it made, or didn't; the thresholds; the position of social legislation: and the auguries for 1996.

Blocking my ears, I rushed out. It is vital that your sketchwriter remains ignorant about the European Union. Wisdom in these matters cuts a journalist off. It separates him from the dumb (ie decisive) majority in the Tory Party. It sets him apart from the mass of his countrymen. It breaks his links with popular feeling.

We must guard our ignorance of the EU as a maiden might her virginity. Eurosceptics know too much and are suspect: they may be secretly interested. Sheer professionalism demands that I know as little about the EU as the least of my readers.

Thus benighted, I watched the House watching the Foreign Secretary yesterday.

The Labour Party is uneasy and out of its depth. Its backbenchers were subdued, squabbling quietly among themselves. When a party has no clear policy, interrogation is its best tactic; but Labour's principal spokesman, Jack Cunningham, lacks any interrogative mode. In adversity his only instinct is to swagger.

So he waded in, throwing out routine insults like "squalid" and "bigots". Cunningham calls someone a squalid bigot where others might say "good morning". Lacking the skill to poke elegantly at the softer parts of Mr Hurd's position, he threw some half-hearted punches, and missed: a playground bully sent to take on a Harley Street physician in debate. Dr Hurd was in surprisingly good form.

The Foreign Secretary got a reasonable cheer on entering, rose to Labour sniggers and silence from his own benches, yet launched spiritedly into a labyrinthine defence of the thing — whatever it is — that he had brought back from Greece to recommend.

Warming to his theme, he ran a couple of rings around Dr Cunningham and even made merry with Gerald Kaufman ("I rather miss the Rt Hon gentleman. A little souvenir of happy times in the past"). "I'm sometimes asked," he advised us, like a television doctor, "whether qualified majority voting ..."

One imagined him to continue "... is anything to worry about, or whether it's a passing phase, like acne."

"Some have asked," he continued, "why this was only addressed recently?" Dr Hurd's advice was that we should not be unduly concerned, but keep taking the Euro-tablets.

His patients on the Tory benches were having trouble swallowing them, but chewed determinedly with watering eyes. This was, after all, a Second Opinion. Privately they were cursing Dr Major, upon whose First Opinion they had too quickly relied. But death had touched their shoulders. It was no time to sue the medics.

On the Foreign Secretary's face as he left, we sensed the disbelief of a doctor whose patients keep dying, but whose medical reputation continues inexorably to rise.

Mr Hurd returned miserable from Ioannina, with nothing but a jar of placebos to recommend. But that old bedside magic just takes him over: he can't help it, he just keeps on convincing people.

The day has yet to come — though for a moment he thought it had — when fate hands Mr Hurd a pill he cannot persuade the Tory Party to swallow.

Sceptics condemn Major's 'sellout' over voting rights

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JILL SHERMAN

A GRUMBLING and bewildered army of loyal Tory MPs was folding its tents last night after Douglas Hurd sounded the retreat in the latest Euro-battle.

While the hard core of Euro-sceptics wanted to stand and fight over voting rights in Brussels, most Government troops were reluctantly lining up behind the deal brokered by the Foreign Secretary in Greece on Sunday.

With few signs that the dispute would provoke resignations at either Cabinet or junior ministerial rank, attention yesterday was shifting to the way John Major had handled the negotiations with Britain's European partners.

Worryingly for the Prime Minister, plenty of MPs of a broadly pro-European disposition were critical of him for first making belligerent noises and then calling off a scrap at the eleventh hour. This followed the offer of a compromise raising the blocking minority from 23 votes to 27, but building in the safeguard of delay where countries such as Britain face being outvoted.

Many MPs who had followed Mr Major's cue last week and taken a tough nationalistic stand felt they had been betrayed by the apparent climbdown. "We were marched up to the top of the hill and then marched down again and nobody can quite understand why we had to march up," said one.

"What was all that tough talking and those macho tactics about last week?" asked another backbencher who is pro-European but had supported keeping the blocking minority at 23. "The Prime Minister loses either way at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting. He should have never made this such a big issue. If the compromise is accepted his tactics will look extremely suspect."

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP for Upminster, said: "I don't think the stand the Government has taken was one that really needed to be taken."

Doubts about Mr Major's approach were coupled with pro-European glee at the latest rebuff for the Euro-sceptics. "The failure of the antis to show any intellectual or emotional strength in the chamber means that whatever their mutterings now, the House complied with Douglas Hurd's view that this was an honourable agreement," said one leading pro-European.

Predictably, the Euro-sceptics were scathing about the latest "sellout". Tony Marlow, MP for Northampton North, said: "Douglas Hurd has poured some cultured treacle on a box of Euro-fudge. But this represents a further tightening of the federalist ratchet. If we don't stand and fight it now, then last week's 'super-Major' becomes this week's Euro-wimp in the eyes of the public."

Edward Leigh, sacked as a minister last year for disloyalty to the Government, said the deal was meaningless because British objections would be overriden after a few months of haggling.

David Evans, a right-winger who backed the Government over Maastricht said: "The public thought we were going to stand up to Delors and I hope the Cabinet today will endorse the public's view. If the Government moves off 23, it will be viewed with dismay."

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The border collie, left, top dog on the IQ scale, with afghan and bulldog trailing

Dog IQ test

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bred to be intelligent, and some have extraordinary skills. After testing a labrador retriever to fetch a particular number of objects, he believes, for instance, that the breed is able to count to five.

He says the judges surveyed were almost unanimous that the bulldog is not a very intelligent dog. "The personality is fine," he said. "They are very pleasant. But the bulldog is not a good obedience dog. It does not work well at all."

He said tactfully that Winston Churchill, the wartime leader with a bulldog image, reminds him more of a boxer, which just below the middle of the scale.

Concerned that his findings are not misused, Mr Coren says people choosing dogs should first decide about how large and how active they want their pet to be, and only then consider intelligence.

In some cases, intelligence may be a disadvantage, particularly if a clever dog that needs a lot of human contact is to be left at home all day. And there are other factors. As he points out: "There are more afghans being sold as fashion accessories than as dogs."

Britain to reject call for beef export ban

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
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BRITAIN will reject demands for more controls on the sale of British beef and cattle to the rest of the European Community when health ministers meet in Brussels tomorrow.

The meeting has been convened at the insistence of Germany, which claims to have new evidence of a risk to human beings from eating meat infected with "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

Kevin Taylor, the deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, said yesterday that the Germans had failed to provide evidence to justify further precautions. He accused them of speaking with "a forked tongue". "They accept evidence when it suits them and reject the same evidence when it does not help their case," he said.

A total of 122,595 cattle have died from BSE in Britain since 1986, according to figures released yesterday. Last year the number of new cases confirmed began a decline that has increased in the early months of this year.

The Germans want British beef and veal to be banned or subjected to tougher controls. They also want restrictions on exports of live cattle from Britain to be replaced by a ban. In 1992, the last year for which there are figures, Britain's beef and cattle exports to the EC earned £328.6 million.

Germany is worried by evidence of BSE passing from cattle to animals biologically distant from them and says a risk to humans cannot be ruled out. Britain has so far had the backing of the European Commission in resisting Germany's demands.

Property buyers face two sets of legal bills

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE BUYERS could pay two sets of lawyers' conveyancing fees under draft proposals for an overhaul of conveyancing services.

A Law Society working party says it is time to end the practice of a buyer's solicitor also acting for the mortgage-lender. Instead, the lenders should be separately represented because of potential conflicts of interest, it says.

Since the last full-scale review of conveyancing ten years ago, lenders have changed. They now often tie their loans with other services, are "commission-driven" and aim at "maximising profit", the report says.

The measures outlined by the working party include proposals to end cut-price conveyancing, raise standards and reduce fraud in the house-buying market. Conveyancing prices have been "driven down to a level which put quality of service at risk", the society said in its report yesterday. "The cost of mistakes and dishonesty within the profession is at a worrying level."

Clients cannot easily pick a good firm, the report says, and there is "an inherent conflict of interest where the same solicitor acts for both borrower and lender". The recommendations include a conveyancing quality "mark" so buyers can identify reputable firms, and better marketing by solicitors of their services including home visits to clients.

The society rejects any return to fixed or recommended scale fees for conveyancing as "unworkable and ineffective".

Andrew Lockley, director of legal practice at the Law Society, denied that separate solicitors would mean higher conveyancing fees.

But the Council of Mortgage Lenders said the proposals would increase costs and delays in house-buying without providing any demonstrable benefits. Ron Armstrong, deputy director-general of the council, accused the society of "taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut".

CORRECTION

The creator of Andy Pandy, the TV puppet, was the late Freda Lingstrom and not, as incorrectly reported on March 24, the late Walter Lantz. We apologise for the error.

NEWS IN BRIEF

RUC to issue arms to women officers

Full-time and reserve women members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary are being armed this week to give them a better chance against terrorists. More than 800 women in the regular force and 130 in the full-time reserve will be armed with the powerful .357 Ruger six-shot revolver. Those in operational front-line duty have also been trained in the use of the Heckler and Koch MP5 sub-machinegun. More than 400 in the part-time reserve will carry the lighter 9mm Walther PPK pistol.

They will take their weapons on patrol from Friday after a decision last August to give them a full role in the fight against terrorism. "The more people we have capable of responding to terrorist activity, the better placed we are," Ken Masterson, the RUC deputy chief constable, said yesterday. The force would "dearly love" to be unarmed but they had to be realistic, he said. The RUC women will have to learn to live with their weapons 24 hours a day. When off duty they will have to carry them whether shopping in the local supermarket or on a night out.

Baton 'used for beating'

Police use of a new American-style baton was criticised by a defence lawyer yesterday. Julian Linskill told Liverpool magistrates that George Herbert, 61, who is charged with the attempted murder of a policeman, was the victim of a "Rodney King-style" beating. Mr Linskill said that Mr Herbert, who appeared in the dock with his right arm in a sling, four stitches in his head and a black eye, was beaten several times with the baton. Mr Herbert, charged after PC Kevin Coakley was allegedly stabbed in the arm after a traffic incident, needing 15 stitches, was remanded on bail.

Revenge girl sentenced

A teenage girl who plotted revenge on her stepfather, who had sexually abused her and others, was sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institution. When Archibald Bigham, 46, was put on probation after a sex offence, Karen Bigham, then 16, persuaded her older brother and a friend to "put him in hospital", the Old Bailey was told. After tempers flared they stabbed him to death. The court was told that Karen, now 18, of Southend, Essex, had been repeatedly sexually abused by him when she was aged 11 and 12. The brother and friend were sentenced last month.

Father's murder charge

Aidan Kenny, 34, the father of two children who were battered to death at their home in Wythenshawe, Greater Manchester, last week, was remanded in custody yesterday charged with their murder. The bodies of Lesley Kenny, 10, and her brother Joseph, 8, were found by neighbours. Mike Bishop, director of social services in Manchester, has promised an enquiry into the tragedy. "This is an appalling incident. One of the children killed was on the child protection register. We intend to publish in full the results of our investigation as soon as we are able," he said.

Dead climbers named

The latest climbers to be killed in falls in Scottish mountains were named yesterday. Their deaths take the number killed this year to 19. Caroline Small, 30, a teacher from Edinburgh, slipped 200 ft to her death while descending Meall Glas near Crianlarich, Central region. In the second incident, another teacher, Philip Henderson, 43, from Culloden, Inverness, died in a fall on the east side of Stob Coire Sgriodain in the Lochaber district of the West Highlands. Both accidents occurred in poor weather, leading police and rescuers to again issue safety warnings.

Boxer sent for trial



Herbie Hide, right, the World Boxing Organisation's new heavyweight champion, was yesterday committed for trial at Norwich Crown Court accused of causing actual bodily harm to a former girl friend. Hide, 22, who has homes at Romford, Essex, and Norwich, is charged with attacking Deborah Edmonds at Sutton, Norfolk, and with stealing £500 worth of her clothing.

Woman and PC killed

A woman who drove two miles the wrong way along the M8 in Glasgow killed herself and a police officer when her Ford Escort crashed head-on into a police car early yesterday morning. PC Stuart Simpson, 26, was from Greenock and Jane Black, 30, was a hotel personnel manager from Renfrew. A second officer suffered serious head injuries.

Eating disorders rise

Eating disorders are increasing and affect nearly 200,000 Britons, a report says. Bulimia nervosa — binge-eating followed by self-induced vomiting — is thought to affect about 125,000, while 70,000 suffer from anorexia nervosa and the rest from binge-eating without vomiting. The figures were in a report for the Office of Health Economics.

Dinosaur print stolen

The National Trust has launched an investigation after thieves stole a rare dinosaur footprint from a beach on the Isle of Wight. An electric stone saw was used to cut out the iguanodon's footprint from Hanover Point, where it had lain undisturbed for 120 million years. It was a popular attraction both for tourists and scientific experts.

Row over hairstyle ban

The parents of a girl aged ten are considering legal action against a decision by Somerton Middle School, Cowes, Isle of Wight, to ban her because of her dreadlocks hairstyle. Laura Bryan-Woolford's parents insist that the braided and beaded hairstyle, which she adopted while on holiday in Jamaica, is staying.

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'The man just lined us up and said: "They have killed me, now they have killed you". It was horrible'

Family and friends mourn death of a 'bonny, canny girl'

By Lin Jenkins and Michael Horsnell

NICHOLA Conroy's father told last night of the family's grief at the loss of a happy young girl who was stabbed to death in class for no reason, and said he did not blame the school.

Speaking on the doorstep of the family home, Peter Conroy, a British Telecom engineer, said: "Nikki was a happy young girl who enjoyed going to Hall Garth School. She was doing well and I don't hold the school responsible for this tragic event. How can any school be prepared for an incident such as this?

"I and my family need some time as my wife and I are very distressed. We need time to come to terms with our grief," he said.

Lisa Paley, 16, a prefect, her face stained with tears, walked past the police guard at the front of Hall Garth School and down the long drive to the building where her friend died. Clutching a bunch of flowers, Lisa climbed the stairs to the first floor and handed them to a teacher to place near where Nichola died.

Although four years older than Nichola, Lisa knew her well. She was articulate and cheerful, good at her schoolwork, keen on sport and popular with her peers.

"She was a canny girl," Lisa said as she left. "She was simply sweet and nice and people liked her. She was very popular."

Lisa found out about Nichola's death only when Peter Smith, the headmaster, called



Souhail Malik killer pointed shotgun at him

her and classmates to one of a series of assemblies to tell them what had happened. They had left the school after the fire alarm went off and had been told that someone was in the school. "We were told to run out, we were told to get out of shooting range," Lisa said. "We were at the bottom of the playing field and didn't know then what was going on."

By the time they went back into school the shock of what had happened was clear to see with many pupils, both boys and girls, crying and shaking.

Ben Playford, 13, became friends with Nichola when they attended Green Lane Primary School. He said she had many friends. "She was a happy girl. Never in any trouble. She never argued with anybody and was very bright in lessons," he said. "She had lots of friends and was always talking and chatting a lot but also got on with her work and got very good marks." He echoed the view of friends when he described her as "bonny looking". She was keen on many activities, in particular running and rounders.

Ben, who attends a secondary school near by, arrived at Hall Garth School minutes after the incident to have a special lesson in the library. "The police stopped us from going in and then our teacher told us what had happened but she never said anyone was dead. I could not believe it when I heard it was Nikki."

Emma Winter, one of the injured, was taken home with eight stitches to her side and her back. She did not see the murder because the killer made the children close their eyes.

Souhail Malik, 12, said the killer had stood over him and pointed a shotgun at his forehead. "He came running in wearing a balaclava and green combat gear. I thought he was just going to stand there and shoot me.

"We all got up and he made us line up facing the wall. The teacher did his best to calm him down but the man threatened him with the gun and made him leave the classroom. There were some girls in the corner who wouldn't stop screaming and they were the ones he attacked. We were still facing the wall and couldn't see what was happening but it was horrible. He had a gun and a knife and he was carrying a bag. He wasn't screaming or shouting, he just lined us up and repeated: 'They have killed me now they have killed you'."



DOUG McCOOY

Leanne Dolan, who opened the door to the killer thinking he was a painter, is comforted by two friends from Hall Garth school yesterday

Children may be affected for weeks

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

COUNSELLORS will be in all classrooms at Hall Garth School tomorrow, when it reopens for the last full day of term before the Easter break.

Peter Smith, the school's headteacher, took the decision to close the school for one full day but said he was anxious that pupils face their grief together.

Research by Dr Anne Thomson of the Fleming Nuffield Unit for Children and Young People in Newcastle upon Tyne, suggests that between a third and a half of children who are exposed to a traumatic event suffer long-term effects. They may have nightmares or refuse to be left alone.

Francis Lillie, a psychologist in Harley Street, central London, said last night: "Of course children suffer post-traumatic stress. The children in Middlesbrough will need to be counselled, ideally by someone who was also there, maybe a teacher.

"The children may need to cry, or be helped to come to terms with their feelings with a parent or carer. The trauma can last days and weeks, often depending how it is handled. Some children may just cut out."

Dr Thomson, who has investigated post-traumatic stress in children, found that some of those who had witnessed road accidents were never treated because of a lack of awareness of their condition. The continuing effects of the experience could be seen in the way the children played. They were more afraid of the dark, had difficulty sleeping and were pre-occupied with road safety.



Stabbing

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saw one girl lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Others were just standing in the room crying. They were spattered with blood and were trying to wipe it off their bodies."

David Thompson, who lives near the school in Hall Drive, described how he saw six hysterical pupils running towards him as he walked his dog. "They were running for all they were worth," he said. "As they got closer, I could see from their faces they were absolutely terrified. They told me 'there's a maniac in our classroom, he's gone beserk'. They told me their friends were dead. They were shaking and sobbing. At first I didn't believe them, but when I realised the condition they were in, it was obvious that no joke was being played."

Supt Maurice Jones of Cleveland police said the reason for the attack was a mystery. The maths teacher had done his best to reason with the man, but had decided to go for help. "While he was out, the children were lined up and stabbed."

Mr Smith said last night that it was difficult to ensure security in any school and he cautioned against panic after an isolated incident, saying schools should not be turned into fortresses.

The dead girl's parents also vindicated the school's security, saying no school could be prepared for such an incident. "I don't hold the school responsible for this tragic event," Peter Conroy said. Mr Conroy and his wife Diana, were being comforted by friends and relatives at their home in Acklam last night.

They had the sympathy of Emma's parents, who said: "We are the fortunate ones because we still have our daughter." Geoff Winter said Emma had not seen Nichola killed because the man had forced all the children to close their eyes. "She is very confused and in a state of deep shock. But she hasn't been harmed too badly physically."

A man aged 29 was being questioned by police last night. A telephone hotline has been set up on 0642 301301.

Teachers demand swift safety measures

By Ben Preston
Education Correspondent

TEACHERS' leaders last night demanded action to combat mounting classroom violence. Possible measures include the issuing of personal alarms to teachers and the introduction of a national system to monitor attacks in schools.

Teaching unions said yesterday's tragedy in Middlesbrough marked a watershed and that the threat to teachers and pupils could no longer be ignored. Unions believe the number and severity of attacks on staff and pupils has grown sharply in recent years, although there are no national statistics. Concern about intruders entering schools unchallenged to commit petty crime or arson has also increased.

Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, demanded the introduction of a system to record violence in schools, as recommended by the Elton report in 1989, saying it was now a top priority.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "Intruders on school premises have been a big problem for many years. This incident now raises the awful prospect of whether schools should become fortified."

Mr de Gruchy urged ministers to launch an enquiry into yesterday's incident to help schools reassess their security and suggest practical ways to improve it. He said one inexpensive option for ministers was to issue pocket-sized personal alarms that allowed teachers to summon help in an emergency. He said the union had sold more than 1,000 directly to its members last year and they were already proving effective.

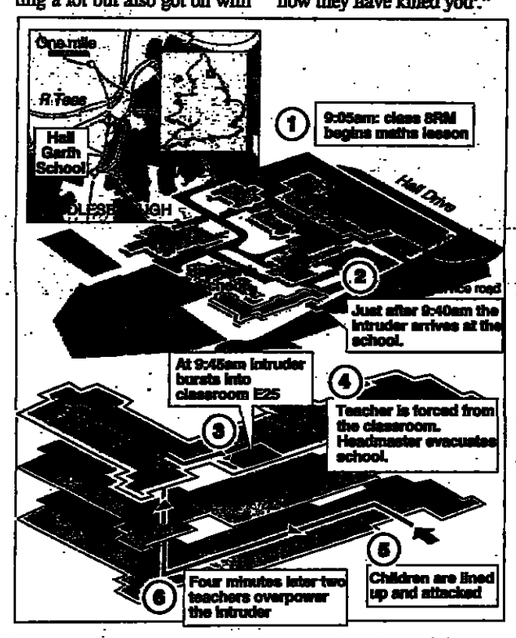
A programme fitting schools with panic buttons similar to those in banks started last year in Newcastle upon Tyne. The system, which costs about £100 to install, is scheduled to cover all 107 primary and secondary schools by the end of next year.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said school buildings should be designed to restrict access for outsiders to one main entrance with other outside doors designed like theatre exits to open outwards only.

Handsworth Wood Girls' School in Birmingham employed a security officer to reassure staff and pupils about their safety after an intruder with a knife held one class hostage last summer.

☐ Calls for stricter controls on the sale of hunting knives and tougher penalties for those who carry them have become as common as the stabbings which triggered them.

According to Home Office statistics, knives are used in roughly one in three homicides. Large number of teenagers routinely carry knives for "self-defence", according to police.



Concert pianist torched neighbour's home after discord over practice

By Alan Hamilton

DON'T shoot the pianist, they say. And don't complain about the noise, either, or he might come round and set your house on fire.

When Jonathan Farr, a member of the Royal Academy of Music, moved into a terrace house in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, he warned his elderly neighbour that he was accustomed to practising on the grand piano for at least nine hours a day.

But Elizabeth Rowe, 79, did not appreciate the constant classical repertoire filtering through her wall. She complained and called in environmental health officers, which was her undoing. The pianist eventually moved away, but six years later returned at night to push a petrol-soaked rag through her letterbox and set her house ablaze.

Farr, 42, was put on probation for three years at Reading Crown Court yesterday when he admitted a charge of arson reckless to life. The court was told that he had a history of mental illness and was a manic depressive.

After Mrs Rowe's complaint, council officials had brought in equipment to monitor the sound of the piano-playing and ordered Farr to abate the music.

Paul Reid, for the prosecution, told the court that Farr became abusive to Mrs Rowe, telling her she was too old and should be dead. The pianist sold his house and moved away in 1988.

Mrs Rowe awoke at 12.30am one night in June last year smelling smoke. She discovered that an armchair near her front door, curtains and carpets were ablaze in a fire so intense that it melted the television set. She banged on a wall to alert a neighbour and escaped by the back door.

Fire officers said that Mrs Rowe was fortunate that the old-fashioned armchair was not made from modern plastics that can give off toxic fumes.

The next day Farr telephoned his mother in Devon and confessed to the attack, saying that he had done it to frighten Mrs Rowe "because of all the aggravation she has caused me".

Robin Simpson QC, for Farr, said that on the day before the attack the pianist had been refused admission to Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, where he had gone to seek treatment for depression. Doctors' reports shown to the court claimed that the attack was out of character and that Farr had not previously shown dangerous behaviour.

On the day of his arrest Farr was admitted to Wexham Park, where he underwent treatment for seven weeks. Since being released on bail he had given only one concert. "When he is feeling fine, he gives piano lessons and concerts from time to time. When he is depressed, he lacks motivation and energy, and his piano playing, and consequently his professional commitments, are curtailed," Mr Simpson said.

Judge Murchie told Farr: "People in this life get a chance, and you are getting one. If you abuse it, the heavens will fall."

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Wallington: cleared

Judge frees detective

A POLICE driver jailed for causing the deaths of two men by driving into the path of their stolen motorcycle was cleared and freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith said there was evidence that Det Con Robert Wallington, 37, drove dangerously. But his trial at Bristol last year was bedevilled by criticism of crime squad officers, who deployed eight cars and two police motorcycles to recover the stolen machine.

The trial judge had failed to warn the jury that the squad's activities were irrelevant. Det Con Wallington's convictions were quashed and his nine-month sentence set aside.

Ottawa police hunt gun gang after Briton is murdered

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE random murder of a British engineer in a "drive-by" shooting on the streets of Ottawa was yesterday being investigated by Canadian police.

Nicholas Battersby, 27, was shot in the chest when a gunman opened fire from a passing vehicle as his victim walked past a bar in the city centre on Sunday evening.

The murder of Mr Battersby, a single man who worked for the Bell Northern telephone company in Ottawa, followed three other earlier drive-by attacks on shops in the area that evening. The murder has shocked the normally respectable city where, as throughout Canada, such shootings are virtually unknown.

Police in Ottawa said yesterday that all four incidents within the space of half an hour were being linked to the same people seen driving either a small white car or a truck.

News of Mr Battersby's death was broken to his father Charles at the family home in Brackley, Northamptonshire early yesterday after his son was certified dead on arrival at Ottawa's Civic Hospital, a five-minute drive from the shooting.

Nicholas Battersby, the elder of two sons, had moved to Ottawa after obtaining a doctorate in engineering and worked as a designer of integrated circuit systems for Bell Northern.

Mr Battersby had invited a friend to dinner on Sunday evening and was two blocks away from his home when the gunman opened fire on the queue outside The Penguin rock music bar in Elgin Street, in the city.

Mr Battersby's death followed three shootings, at a Chinese take-away restaurant and two other shops. In each of those incidents, shots appear to have been deliberately fired through windows towards staff who were working inside.

Sergeant Randy Brennan, of Ottawa police, said yesterday: "It is certainly very alarming; it is not a regular occurrence in this city." Drive-by shootings are normally associated with the more violent areas of Los Angeles and Miami in the United States.

Mr Battersby's killing was the first of its kind in the Canadian capital, a city of 360,000 people, and only the third murder this year.

A police spokesman said: "He was in the wrong place at the wrong time. There were other bystanders around who were unhurt.

"We believe the random shootings are connected and the same persons are responsible for all four incidents," the spokesman said.

Mr Battersby's father, 55, a marketing director, said that his son had travelled previously in the United States and in Canada before starting work there last November.

"The whole family is devastated. Nicholas was a wonderful son of whom we were very proud." Charles Battersby said.

Mr Battersby had last seen his son when he came home to visit the family at Christmas.



Nicholas Battersby at his degree ceremony

Testing time for dirty exhausts

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BUSES and trucks are being tested with a device that traps carbon and vaporises exhaust fumes linked to breathing difficulties and asthma, a clean air conference in London was told yesterday.

John May, a senior engineer with the Rover Group and a member of the EC's research programme aimed at cleaning up vehicle pollution, said: "At the moment these devices are not at a suitable size for cars, but this is where the research is leading us."

US academics claim that at least 10,000 Britons may be killed by diesel fumes every year, although British scientists put the figure closer to 3,000. The conference was called by the National Society for Clean Air following the publication of Government research into the quality of urban air. It linked the rise in diesel cars with increasing ill health.

Mr May said research centres were examining new forms of fuel injection and designs of engine combustion chambers to ensure that all the fuel was burnt. They were also studying electronic systems to monitor air pollution.

Mr May envisaged police officers using hand-held reading devices to identify vehicles breaking emission limits. He said it was possible to switch off the ignition automatically if the driver failed to take it in for an anti-pollution service.

Studies have focused on the impact on health of PM10, an exhaust particulate 10 microns wide. Other, smaller particles may also be produced in substantial numbers by diesel cars and may carry their own detrimental effects to health.

Prof Roy Harrison, head of the Government's review group, said it was possible that the very tiny particles, which can penetrate deep into a person's lungs, were believed by the body to be invading bacteria. Such a theory might well explain the breathing difficulties suffered by some people in response to diesel fumes, which are similar to an immune response to an infectious disease. Francis Palmer, a fuel expert with BP, said concern for the environment was in danger of getting out of hand and pushing Britain down the American legislative route. In California stricter laws on the use of diesel meant that three big oil companies had left the market, triggering a diesel shortage earlier this year.



"The result was that an independent oil company has been licensed selling the really old type of diesel, so this is creating more problems than the products which have left," Mr Palmer said.

☐ A petrol which may reduce some kinds of hazardous emissions by up to a fifth was launched yesterday by Texaco. New CleanSystem will be on sale at 1,200 filling stations.

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Reverse for car firms over diesel campaign

BY ROBIN YOUNG

PEUGEOT, Europe's biggest maker of diesel engines, claimed in its adverts last year that diesels could "save fuel, save cash and save the planet".

There are no such claims made now, a company spokeswoman said yesterday, partly because a complaint against the advert was upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and it was hastily withdrawn.

Diesel models had by then, though, soared in popularity, helped by an advertising campaign which aimed to highlight the claimed environmental benefits linked to diesel's acknowledged fuel economy.

At the same time that it adjudicated against Peugeot, the ASA also ruled against adverts by Lucas and Esso which claimed diesel engines were "green".

Fiona Weir, of Friends of the Earth, which complained against all three advertisements, said yesterday: "There was no evidence for the claims that were made.

"There are advantages to diesel, but there have always been plenty of worries about what diesel does to the environment, too."

Peugeot was not alone among car manufacturers in trumpeting the supposed benefits. Fiat declared its diesels were cleaner and greener, and as early as 1989 Citroën was reproved by the ASA for claiming that its BX Diesel Turbo model was "pollution free".

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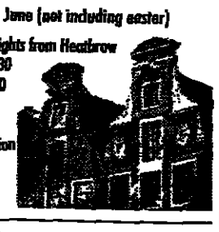
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Casement diaries reveal homosexual promiscuity

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE promiscuous and insatiable homosexuality of Roger Casement, stripped of his knighthood and hanged for treason by the British in 1916, and glorified as an Irish patriot ever since, is disclosed in his private diaries, which were released by the Public Record Office yesterday.

Three cloth-bound diaries covering 1903, 1910 and 1911, with two accompanying notebooks, all written in Casement's scrawly hand, have been the subject of contention for decades. They are often explicit and apparently meticulous in recording his countless casual encounters with homosexual partners but, disappointingly, are silent on the political thought process that led a distinguished British public servant to espouse Irish nationalism.

Supporters of Casement have contended that the diaries were doctored by British intelligence to destroy appeals for clemency. But they have been examined twice by forensic scientists, in 1959 and again last year; on both occasions scientists concluded they were entirely Casement's work.

Whether in Ireland, Peru or on his way to the Congo, there is little description of people or places. Occasionally there is a reference, while in London, to some Foreign Office colleague being an "utter ass", or to the fact that he lunched at his club and drew £20 from the bank.

> **"Young pilot at 9am. I stroked his knee and gave 10 shillings and cigarettes and photos ... he is beautiful"**

Chiefly the diaries are a terse, occasionally descriptive record of encounters with rent boys, sometimes with an X to indicate that sex had taken place, and impressions of fancied men, whom he refers to as "fine types", seen from a distance and the presumed size of their genitals noted.

Frequently he records the fee for his encounters, which ranged from a few cigarettes to £36. In Peru on October 19, 1911, he notes: "Young pilot came at 9am. Very well dressed. Sat down and I stroked his knee and gave 10 shillings and cigarettes and photos ... he is beautiful." Confined to his hotel bed by a cold the next day, he notes: "Saw from my window a splendid type, one of my lovely Indians, thick limbs, sturdy with a big one."

He was as active on visits to Ireland as elsewhere, noting casual sex in Phoenix Park, Dublin, almost as soon as he had got off the boat. Travelling to the north, he notes on June 13, 1910: "On to Coleraine by 6.51 train and to Clothworkers' Arms. Lovely room. Millar and Argentine sailors. XX"

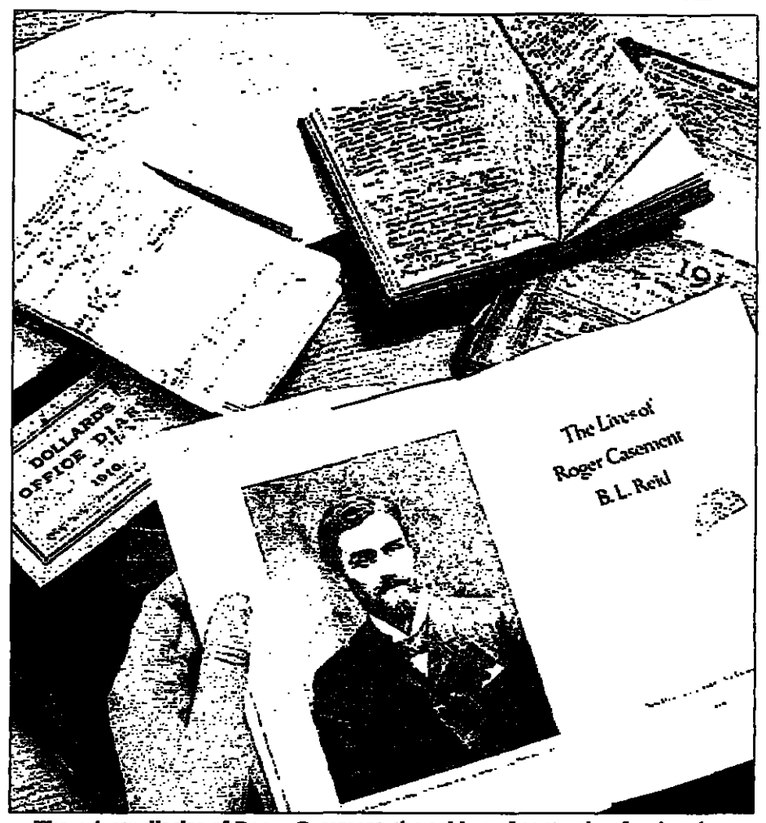
Millar appears to have been a long-standing partner. Arriving with him at Warrenpoint on May 28, he notes: "Turned in together at 10.30 to 11, after watching billiards ... first time after so many years and so deep mutual longing. Rode gloriously. Splendid steed."

The prose is peppered with such observations as: "Saw young Peruvian Negro soldier leaving barracks with erection under white knickers." Occasionally there are fuller descriptions of sexual acts.

Barely a word is written about the places he visits and the business he conducts. World events merit one brief mention on May 6, 1910: "King Edward died. At FO, and saw Tyrrell who told me king was very ill."

He did once make a geographical observation. Sailing to Liverpool from South America, he noted on April 30, 1910: "Approaching Land's End and in Irish Sea." with Irish Sea underlined. "Saw Ireland."

Once ashore, he was back to his old habits. A few days later, noting an address in Earls Court, west London, he recorded: "Greek, one pound."



The private diaries of Roger Casement, the subject of contention for decades, were released for public viewing by the Public Record Office yesterday

'Airbag' burns made by seat belt

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

FORD yesterday moved to allay fears that airbags could cause more injuries than they prevent.

It published the results of tests last year of a Cardiff woman's claim that she was burned when the airbag on her new Ford Mondeo inflated after a car crash.

Beverley Tumelty, 28, a nurse, complained that her blouse melted and she suffered chest burns as a result of the airbag inflating. Two other drivers then complained of burns after their airbags inflated in crashes, also in Ford Mondeos.

Ford said that independent tests carried out by the forensic science department at the Government's research centre at Aldermaston, Berkshire, on Mrs Tumelty's clothing showed the burns were caused by the friction of the seat belt tightening across her chest.

The company said that the airbag had possibly saved Mrs Tumelty from more serious injuries and that about 100 other drivers involved in crashes had also been saved by the airbags fitted to their cars.

'Society must halt decline in science'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A GOVERNMENT campaign to reverse the drift away from science and mathematics in education will have limited impact unless society's attitude to science changes, John Patten said yesterday.

The Education Secretary, publishing a Whitehall report detailing the relative decline in people studying science in schools and universities, said there appeared to be limited scope for government action.

He said ministers were asking if there was a distinct and shrinking group of scientifically-minded people or whether a lot of people might actually be encouraged to study science by market signals, scientific propaganda and government initiatives.

Mr Patten said people were *justified* in asking "crisis, what crisis?" given the message sent out by the labour market during the 1980s, when the relative pay of scientists and engineers in the private sector fell. He invited ideas to popularise science or encourage science teachers as role models for an initiative planned for the autumn.

William Waldegrave, the science minister, told a press conference that if employers wanted to raise the quality of new recruits, they could send a clear signal by increasing the pay of scientists. Yesterday's report was ordered by Mr Patten after last summer's examination results showed that a growth in the number of pupils taking GCSE science and mathematics was not maintained to A level. The report said the proportion of students taking degrees in science, mathematics and engineering had fallen during the recent boom in higher education while the popularity of arts and social sciences had increased.

It found a marked shift at GCSE from pupils studying science in single subjects — biology, chemistry and physics — to combined science courses which included units of each of the three. The independent sector tended to stay with single science subjects.

Mr Patten said he was concerned that combined science courses might not be a sufficiently rigorous preparation for A-level study. He was also worried by the low A-level entry grades required for some university engineering courses and concluded that a shortage of qualified students going into higher education science was "storing up trouble for the future".

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Radio 5 Live slips smoothly into life

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC's first national all-speech station since the creation in 1922 of the Home Service, now known as Radio 4, slipped smoothly and confidently into a routine of informative banter yesterday morning.

In line with the corporation's aim of creating a new generation of radio stars, the voice which launched the 24-hour news and sports station at 5am was that of Jane Garvey, formerly of BBC Radio Hereford and Worcester.

Apart from a minor slip when Peter Allen, host of the 6am to 8.30am breakfast programme, referred to Baroness Thatcher as "Mrs" before correcting himself, the only hitch was the failure of a satellite link from Norfolk.

Jenny Abramsky, controller of Radio 5 Live, which replaces the old youth and sports Radio 5 network, said it hoped always to be first with the news. Tony Hall, managing director of BBC news and current affairs, said: "I predict that people will wonder how they lived without it — being able to tune in and get the news whenever you like is very important."



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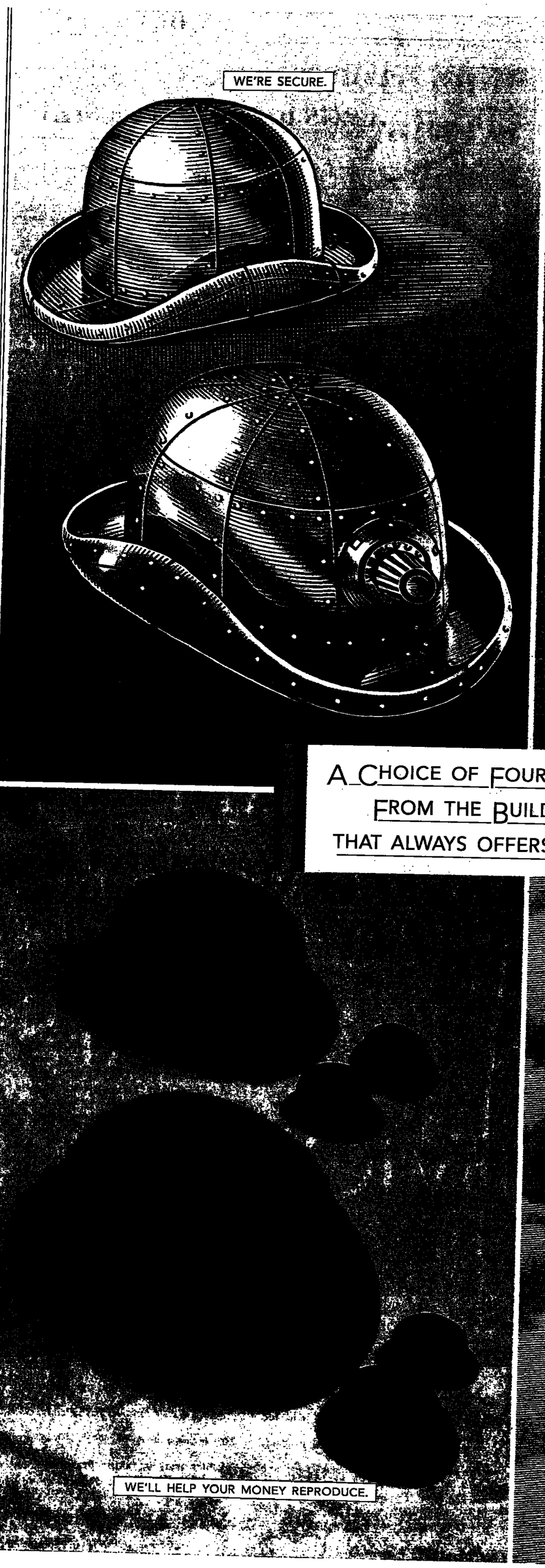
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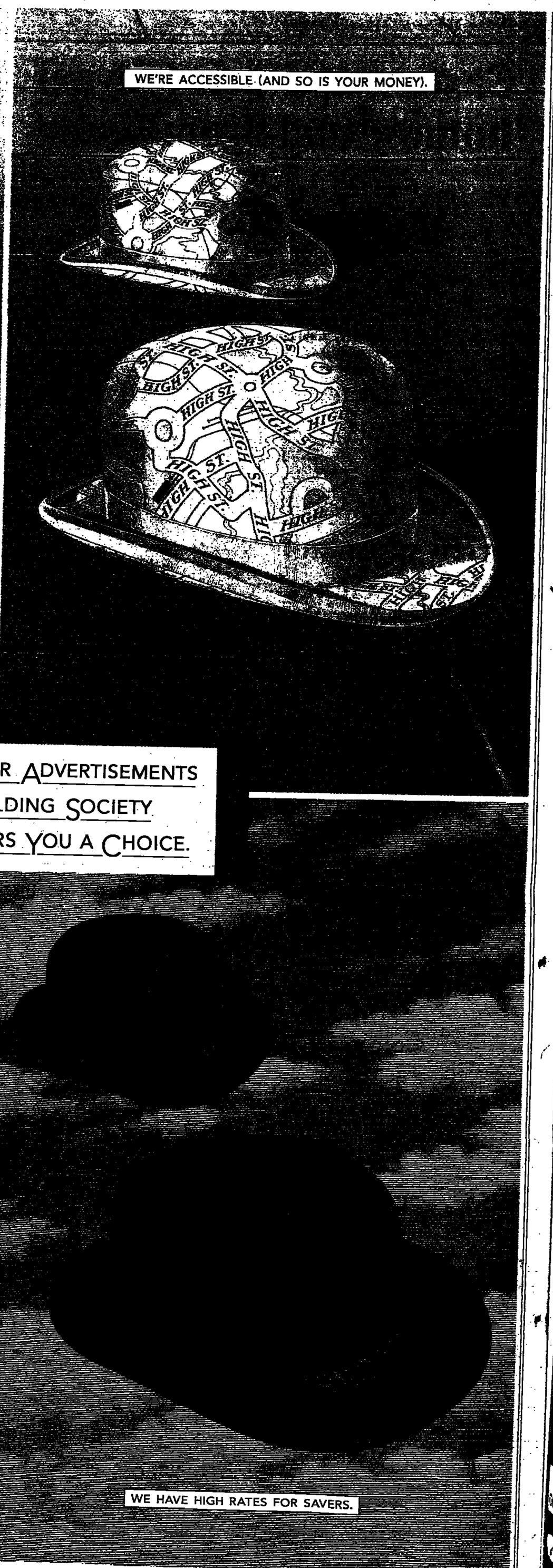
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Children win right to fight Heseltine over 'cancer' cables

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THREE children and their families yesterday won permission to launch an urgent High Court challenge against the Government over the laying of underground electricity cables they claimed were a health risk.

Mr Justice Schiemann gave them leave to bring judicial review proceedings after hearing of their fears that the cables in northeast London could increase the risk of childhood leukaemia and other cancers because of the high levels of the anticipated electro-magnetic fields.

In the first case of its kind, a boy and two girls, acting through their fathers, accused Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, of failing properly to regulate the installation of cables needed to reinforce the north London grid system. Graham Read, for the families, told the judge: "This is a matter of very great concern to the parents."

There was epidemiological evidence which showed a possible link between leukaemia and other cancers in children, with 0.2 micro tesla (the measurement for electro-magnetic fields) appearing to be the safety cut-off point, he said. "The National Grid's own figures show that exposure to the children will be above the cut-off point," Mr Read said.

The judge found there was an arguable case and indicated it should be heard as quickly as possible. The cables are due to become "live" this summer.

At the full hearing the parents will seek court orders obliging Mr Heseltine to fulfill his duty to protect the public and direct that the electro-magnetic fields from the cables do not exceed levels which current research suggests are safe.

Mr Heseltine was not represented in court. The three children in whose name the case is being brought are Lloyd Duddridge, 6, Danielle Bye, 4, and Naomi Holliday, 3, all from Woodford Green. Lloyd sat on his mother Andrea's lap during yesterday's hearing and said afterwards: "I think we can win, don't you mum?"

Martyn Day, the families' solicitor, accused Mr Heseltine of treating their fears with contempt. "Mr Heseltine has not even bothered to respond, despite the fact this is a matter of very great concern to these people, and many others throughout the country. It is two weeks since we wrote, but he has not even acknowledged our letter."

He said up to 2,000 children would be exposed once the cables became live. Alarm has grown since last summer, when residents of South Woodford, Walthamstow and Chingford were sent notices that the National Grid was installing six new 275,000 volt electricity cables in their area.

The protesters say the levels of electro-magnetic fields given off by the cables "are in the order of ten times the level that epidemiological studies are suggesting give up to sixfold increased risk of children contracting childhood leukaemia and other cancers".

ALAN WELLER



Andrea and Lloyd Duddridge: "We can win"

Forecasters will issue red alerts to beat skin cancer

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

■ As concern grows about Britain's second commonest form of cancer, weather bulletins are to predict the risk from sunburn

WEATHER forecasters are to start issuing sunburn warnings on television in an attempt to reduce the incidence of skin cancer. It is now the second commonest form of cancer in Britain.

Each day from April 1, the Meteorological Office will predict whether the risk of sunburn is low, medium, high or very high. TV forecasters are likely to mention the risk in broadcasts only if it is high or very high, or when large numbers of people are expected to be outside, on a bank holiday or watching a test match, for example.

The sunburn forecasts will be based on a number of factors known to affect the amount of ultra-violet radiation reaching the ground, among them the height of the sun in the sky, cloud cover, ozone levels and scattering by rain and airborne particles. Forecasts will only be issued if sunshine is expected between 11am and 3pm.

The new forecasts form part of a plan co-ordinated by the Health Education Authority to alert people to the dangers of sunburn. Each year more than 40,000 cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in Britain, and one in ten are the most dangerous form of the disease, malignant melanoma. Each year skin cancer of all types kills 1,800 people.

The National Radiological Protection Board will continue to monitor actual ultra-violet levels, as it has for several years, and issue weekly reports.

Evidence that ozone, which absorbs ultra-violet rays, is diminishing over the northern hemisphere has increased concern about skin cancer, although there is no evidence that this has yet had any effect on the figures. More foreign holidays and the desire to look tanned are blamed for the steady increases.

A risk level of "very high" would mean that a fair-skinned person would burn in under 15 minutes in the middle of the day. The Meteorological Office points out that the burning power of the sun is as great in Britain in early May as it is in late August, although lower temperatures may tempt people to take more risks in spring.

A survey by the HEA has shown that many people still regard a deep tan as evidence of good health rather than of skin damage. As well as increasing the risk of cancer, tanning also ages the skin. But the majority of those surveyed still regarded a tan as more important than the appearance of a few wrinkles.

Dr Jackie Chambers, director of the HEA, said: "The message is clear — respect the sun and avoid excessive exposure to it. This is not only a disease for the over-60s. It does affect young adults as well.

"We will tackle this misconception by initially targeting the eight to 30-year-old age group, those most likely to sunbathe."

The HEA offers a few simple guidelines to help cope with a sunny summer. Avoid the midday sun, cover up with loose but tightly-woven clothing, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses, use sunscreen and take special care of children and babies. If the forecast is for high or very high ultra-violet levels, do all this and then make a point of seeking out the shade.

Cult women to be extradited next week

BY EMMA WILKINS

TWO British women accused of plotting to murder a US state attorney will be extradited to America next week when marshals from Portland, Oregon, collect them at Gatwick airport.

Susan Hagan, 47, an aromatherapy teacher from Abbots Langley, Hertfordshire, and Sally Croft, 44, an accountant from central London, both former members of a religious cult in Oregon, were granted an extension to their bail yesterday until April 7, when they must surrender at the airport's police station before their flight to America.

When they arrive in Portland, the women will be jailed pending a bail hearing.

At the High Court yesterday Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Wright rejected a request from the American government that the women should be denied bail.

Colin Nicholls, counsel for the women, said they had always appeared at court when requested during their three-and-a-half-year legal fight to avoid extradition and had a vested interest in surrendering voluntarily next week.

"The trial in America is sought on what they claim is suspect evidence and they need bail in the US to prepare their cases," he said.

The women are alleged to have conspired in a plot to murder Charles Turner, a state attorney, in 1985 while members of a cult founded by Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, an Indian guru and multi-millionaire.

Ordination of women in Wales 'to be blocked'

BY ROBIN YOUNG

CLERGY in Wales are to block the admission of women priests, according to a survey carried out for the BBC. If the prediction is accurate, the decision will leave the Church in Wales out of step with the rest of the Anglican community.

A motion for the admission of women priests goes before the governing body of the Church in Wales at Lampeter on April 6. It is expected to achieve the necessary two thirds majority in the House of Bishops and House of Laity but a poll for the BBC1 Wales televison programme *Week In, Week Out* suggests that the reform is bound to fail in the House of Clergy.

In the survey 40 clerics stated their intention of voting against the admission of women priests. That is only two short of the number needed to stop the measure. A further 15 refused to say which way they intended to vote but five are identified as confirmed opponents.

The Most Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archbishop of Wales, a supporter of the ordination of women, says on the programme, to be transmitted tonight, that Wales could become a refuge for disgruntled clerics of the Church of England if the vote is rejected.

☐ The High Court yesterday rejected a sixth application by the Rev Paul Williamson, 45, vicar of St George's, Hanworth, west London, for leave to apply for a judicial review in connection with the ordination of women. Mr Justice MacPherson awarded costs against Mr Williamson and refused leave to appeal.

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Claims of attacks by police up 52%

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

■ The PCA has seen a drop in general cases, but claims of racial discrimination and serious injury are growing

ALLEGATIONS of serious injury or death against police officers rose by 52 per cent last year, while racial discrimination claims more than trebled to 291, the Police Complaints Authority said yesterday.

During 1993, the authority, which called for the same powers to deal with complaints against special constables as regular officers, considered a total of 17,991 complaints, 7 per cent less than the previous year.

It allowed 17 per cent more complaints to be dropped by police forces than in 1992 — 7,075 compared with 6,035. These included allegations lodged for malicious or tactical reasons or where the complainant chose not to co-operate with the enquiry.

The remaining 10,916 of investigated complaints was 18 per cent down on 1992.

Sir Len Peach, the chairman, said the number of serious violence allegations referred to the authority rose from 398 to 609 last year. The total of all types of cases being supervised by the authority last year rose by 25 per cent to a record 951 despite a drop in referrals from forces.

Sir Len said the rise in the violence cases, ranging from cuts and fractures to death, may be the result of an increasingly violent society. It could also be caused by tighter police recording practice.

The rise in the number of racial allegations has prompted the authority to begin research into the reason for the increase. Sir Len said: "This substantial rise is due in part to more accurate recording and a greater awareness of the complaints system, but there may be a greater unwillingness to accept racially offensive behaviour."

In 1993 disciplinary action was taken in 4 per cent of investigated race complaints compared with an overall level of 10 per cent for all complaints.

Many of the racial complaints cover the misuse of stop and search powers or incivility. The authority's annual report said it may be difficult to find independent witnesses in the latter cases and proving that the officers targeted the complainant in the former situations can also be difficult.

Sir Len said police were recording more cases because of greater sensitivity to race issues and there may be a need to reduce the burden of proof in the race cases.

During the year the PCA looked at 27 cases of deaths in custody. A report into the case of Joy Gardner, who died after being restrained by officers sent to enforce a deportation order, is with the Crown Prosecution Service.

Sir Len said the authority would like to extend its role to handling cases involving special constables as the public did not distinguish between the two types of officer and the authority should be able to act.



The four bodies in the Gloucester murder enquiry were identified as, clockwise from top left, Juanita Mott, Alison Chambers, Lucy Partington and Lynda Gough

Four Gloucester bodies identified

BY BILL FROST

FOUR more of the women's bodies unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street in Gloucester were identified yesterday as the focus of the multiple murder enquiry shifted to a field 15 miles from the city.

Police named the four as Lucy Partington, Juanita Mott, Lynda Gough and Alison Chambers. They went missing between December 1973 and September 1979.

Frederick West, who owns the house, is charged with their murder and those of his daughter Heather, 16, Shirley Robinson, a pregnant lodger, Carol Cooper, 15, a runaway, and two unidentified women. West, 52, is remanded in custody and will appear in court again next week.

June and John Gough, Lynda's parents, said their daughter left home in April 1973, two weeks before her twentieth birthday. She was working as seamstress at a shop in Gloucester and had rented a flat. "Down all the years since we have lived in the hope she would come home," they said.

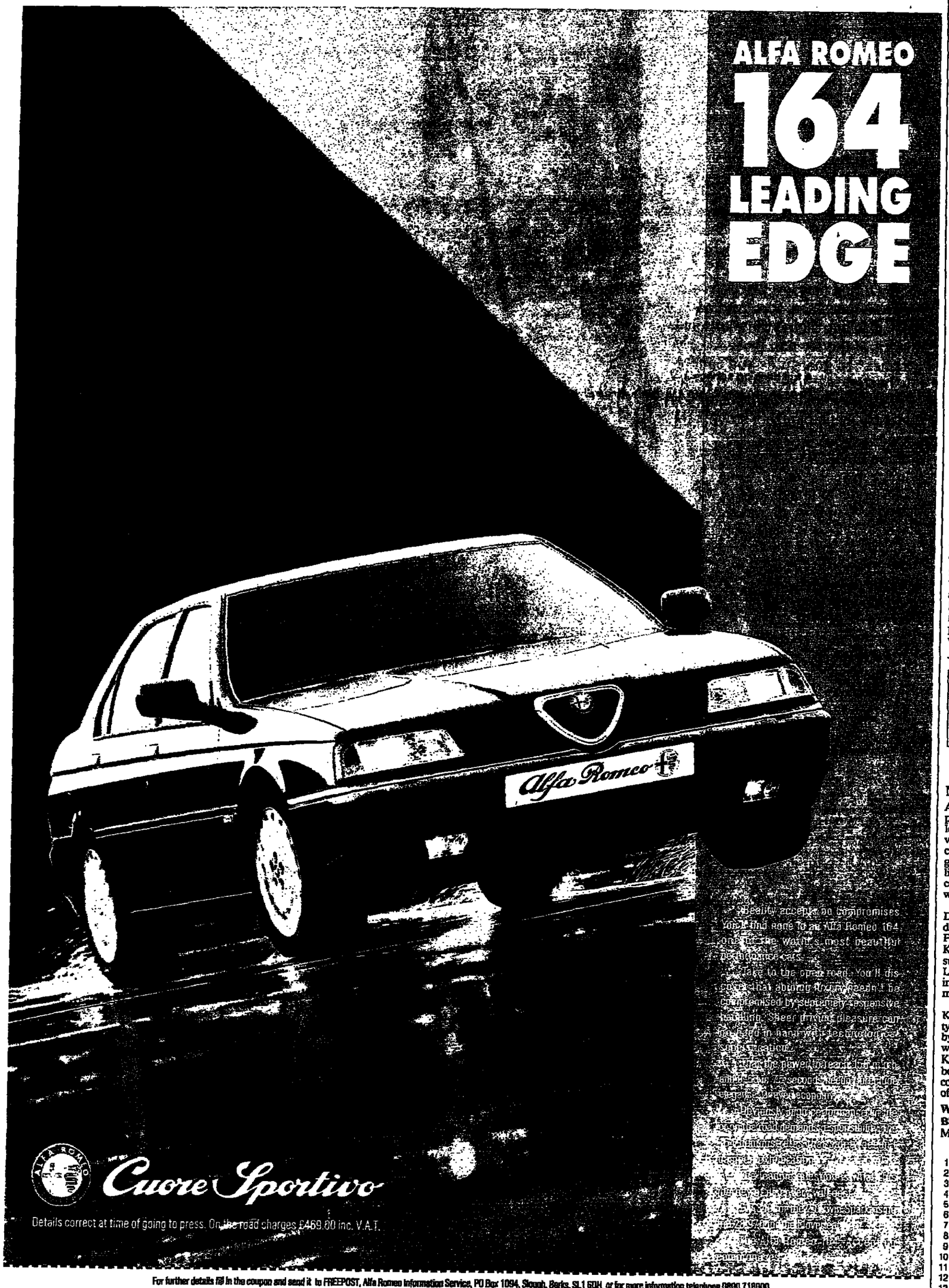
Alison Chambers went missing aged 17 in September 1979. She had run away from her home in South Wales and was working for a firm of solicitors in Gloucester. Joan Owen, her mother, said she had been clinging to the "slim hope" that Alison was alive.

In the last letter to her mother, Alison said she was staying with "a big family" and planned to move into a flat with one of her landlord's teenage daughters.

Juanita Mott was living in Newent, near Gloucester, when she went missing on April 11, 1975, aged 18. She had been working at a bottling plant in the city. She travelled to Gloucester on the night of her disappearance but failed to return.

Lucy Partington, 20, a third-year English student at Exeter University, was last seen on December 27, 1973. She had been visiting friends in Cheltenham and intended to catch a bus home to Gretton, eight miles away.

Det Supt John Bennett, leading the enquiry, said police would start digging at a field in Kempley today.



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West End plan to fight touts

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

A SCHEME is to be introduced in London's West End to protect tourists and theatregoers from ticket brokers who resell seats for shows at grossly inflated prices.

Alarmed at increasing numbers of complaints, some ticket agencies plan to establish a trade association and code of practice, an action prompted by reports that unscrupulous agencies sell on tickets for shows and sporting events with mark-ups of around 400 per cent.

Agencies with prime sites in London cater for the huge demand for tickets to shows, many of which are sold out months in advance. Some charge a booking fee of a few pounds but others charge high prices for poor seats without making clear the original price.

The Society of West End Theatre estimates that agencies selling tickets at a mark-up outnumber official outlets by five to one.

The London Tourist Board (LTB) said foreign tourists were regularly charged hugely inflated prices for tickets. London was "fast being associated with rip-offs".

Under the scheme, which has been discussed with the Trade and Industry Department, information centres would recommend only those agencies that agreed to abide by special conditions, including charging no more than 25 per cent of the ticket's face value as a service fee.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Child carer was drunk

An unregistered childminder who staggered down a high street with a pushchair and two children in her care was fined £70 yesterday after she admitted being drunk in charge of a child under seven.

Catherine Trewhela, 47, a mother of two, told Aylesbury magistrates she was going through a stressful divorce.

Son questioned

Birmingham detectives who extradited Christopher Scott, 35, from Tenerife, where he was cleared of rape, are questioning him about the murder of his father four years ago.

Body on tip

The dismembered body of a woman aged 46, of Hendon, northwest London, was found on a council rubbish tip. Police are questioning two men.

Father in court

Aidan Kenny, 34, was remanded in custody accused of murdering his two children at the family home in Greater Manchester.

Rider dies

Paula Calow, 22, of Rotherham, died after her riding school horse galloped round a bridleway bend into a tree.

It's unusual

The singer Tom Jones is to be awarded a fellowship of Cardiff's Welsh College of Music and Drama.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Nunn beats Karpov

A curious tournament is in progress in Monaco. Twelve leading grandmasters are involved in a double round competition in which the first game is played at a fast time limit while the second is contested by both players without sight of the board.

In the early rounds Britain's Dr John Nunn achieved the distinction of defeating the FIDE champion Anatoly Karpov, who has just scored such a resounding success in Linares. Nunn was outplayed in the opening and early middlegame.

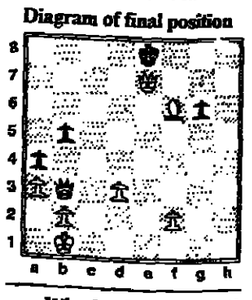
On a number of occasions Karpov declined the possibility of forcing a draw. However, by straining to win a position where his king was exposed Karpov allowed his position to become infiltrated and Nunn concluded with a giant harvest of Karpov's pawns.

White: John Nunn
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Monaco 1994

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4	Nc3	e6
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41	Re7	Re8
42	Rd7	Rh1+
43	Ka2	Qh6
44	Qg3	Rhe1
45	Qc7	R1e7
46	Rxe7	Rxe7
47	Qxe7	Qf8
48	Qe6+	Qf7
49	Qxc6	d4+
50	Kb1	d3
51	cxd3	Kh7
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Diagram of final position



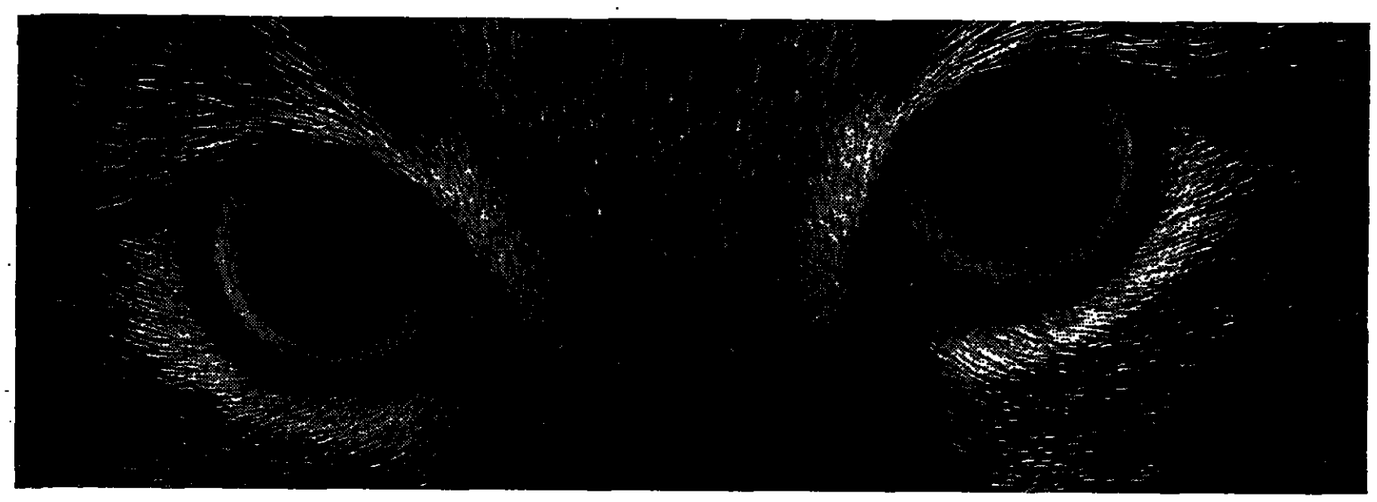
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ALISTAIR GRANT

Gerry Adams: "We cannot allow the peace process to flounder."

Sinn Fein threatens to reject Major peace plan

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GERRY Adams warned yesterday that Republicans will reject the Downing Street declaration and will develop their own peace initiative if the Government refuses to clarify last December's agreement.

In an interview with *The Times* in west Belfast, the Sinn Fein president said Sinn Fein could not wait indefinitely for the Government to meet its demands. But he described December's Anglo-Irish declaration as a significant development which he hoped to incorporate into a wider peace process.

Mr Adams called on the Government to clarify the document. But he warned: "At some point of course we may exhaust that possibility and we may have to conclude reluctantly that because of Mr Major's leadership difficulties that he won't be able to engage with us. Then I think we will perhaps have to try to find other ways of moving forward. This would mean turning back to the agreement Mr Adams reached last year with John Hume, the leader of the SDLP.

"We cannot allow the peace process to flounder," Mr Adams said. "The lesson is that this peace process arose from the Irish initiatives. One would move back to that."

Mr Adams, who was wearing the kind of smart suit which helped him to woo the American media during his trip to New York last month, said that he was perplexed by the Government's attitude to the peace process during the past few months. He said: "They seem to have stopped petrified in mid-leap. We are keen to explore whether the Downing Street declaration is a tremendous leap or whether it is a barricade the British Government has erected almost as a counter-offensive to the pressure coming from Ireland."

Mr Adams struck a conciliatory note when he said that he wanted the Government to play a central role in the peace process. "At the moment our entire strategy is based upon seeking to make the Downing Street declaration a part of the overall peace process as we see it, and seeking to engage with the British Government ... We cannot make peace without the British Government."

Since John Major and Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, issued the Downing Street declaration last December, Mr Adams and other leading Republicans have been careful neither to accept nor reject the document. Mr Adams said yesterday that while Sinn Fein was encouraged by the peace process it was unhappy with the Unionist veto in the declaration and its assertion that Irish self-determination should be exercised separately on both sides of the border.

"It is perfectly reasonable to say that we want London and Dublin to come to an agreement which involves all of us, and then as part of that to seek Unionist consent. But I think what is turning that on its head is to say that we cannot move unless we have Unionist consent." That would be akin, he said, to President de Klerk of South Africa refusing to agree to reforms without the consent of the far right.

"Why should John Major stall on the basis of right-wing reaction in Ireland?" Mr Adams said. Unionists should be persuaded that their future lay in a united Ireland. "Why doesn't he try to move these people forward. I actually have confidence in the Unionists that in the new scenario they will be pragmatic and that they will seek to work out the best arrangement for themselves."

Mr Adams said that Britain had no right to interfere in Irish self-determination, and Sinn Fein would continue to boycott any border polls to decide the future of Northern Ireland. But he added: "It's remarkable that the British Government has taken all these hundreds of years to admit that the people of Ireland are a nation."

Mayhew defends legal aid for Adams

BY CATHERINE MILTON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

SIR Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, last night supported a decision to grant Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, legal aid to fight the Government ban on him entering mainland Britain. He said the decision showed that the British system of justice was "fair, equal and unpartisan".

Speaking in Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick admitted that many people in the province would consider the decision "crazy" and said it would probably not have happened in any other part of the world. "But it shows we do not predetermine cases or give assistance only to those of whom we approve."

The Sinn Fein leader, who receives social security payments, is entitled to legal aid as his disposable income is recorded as less than £2,294 a year.

However, the Northern Ireland Office is to investigate Mr Adams's entitlement to social security benefits after protests from Tory and Ulster Unionist MPs.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, told MPs in the House of Commons yesterday that the complaints would be referred to Sir Patrick, who has overall responsibility for social security in Ulster. He said: "I am sure that if any evidence of wrongdoing is found in that sphere it shall be looked into."

According to reports, Mr Adams has been claiming benefits since becoming officially unemployed in 1969.

Mr Lilley was responding to a question from Terry Dicks, the Tory MP for Hayes and Harlington, who asked how "a certain Mr Gerry Adams" could claim benefits "while flying half way round the world" on behalf of Sinn Fein.

David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist MP for Upper Bann, has written to Baroness Denton, the Northern Ireland minister who has day-to-day responsibility for the province's Department of Health and Social Services. He said: "I suspect that the regulations in this matter have not been applied as strictly as they would be to other people, partly because civil servants fear there would be reprisals and perhaps the Government does not wish at this moment to offend Sinn Fein/IRA."

Mr Adams has published four books with Brandon Book Publishers in the Republic of Ireland, which the publishers say sell consistently well in the UK, Ireland and the United States.

One source said Mr Adams may have become eligible for benefits by stating he was not prepared to travel to work because of fears for his personal safety.

Make-up of committee attacked

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will today press for changes in the membership of the new Commons select committee on Northern Ireland in an attempt to boost the number of Opposition MPs represented.

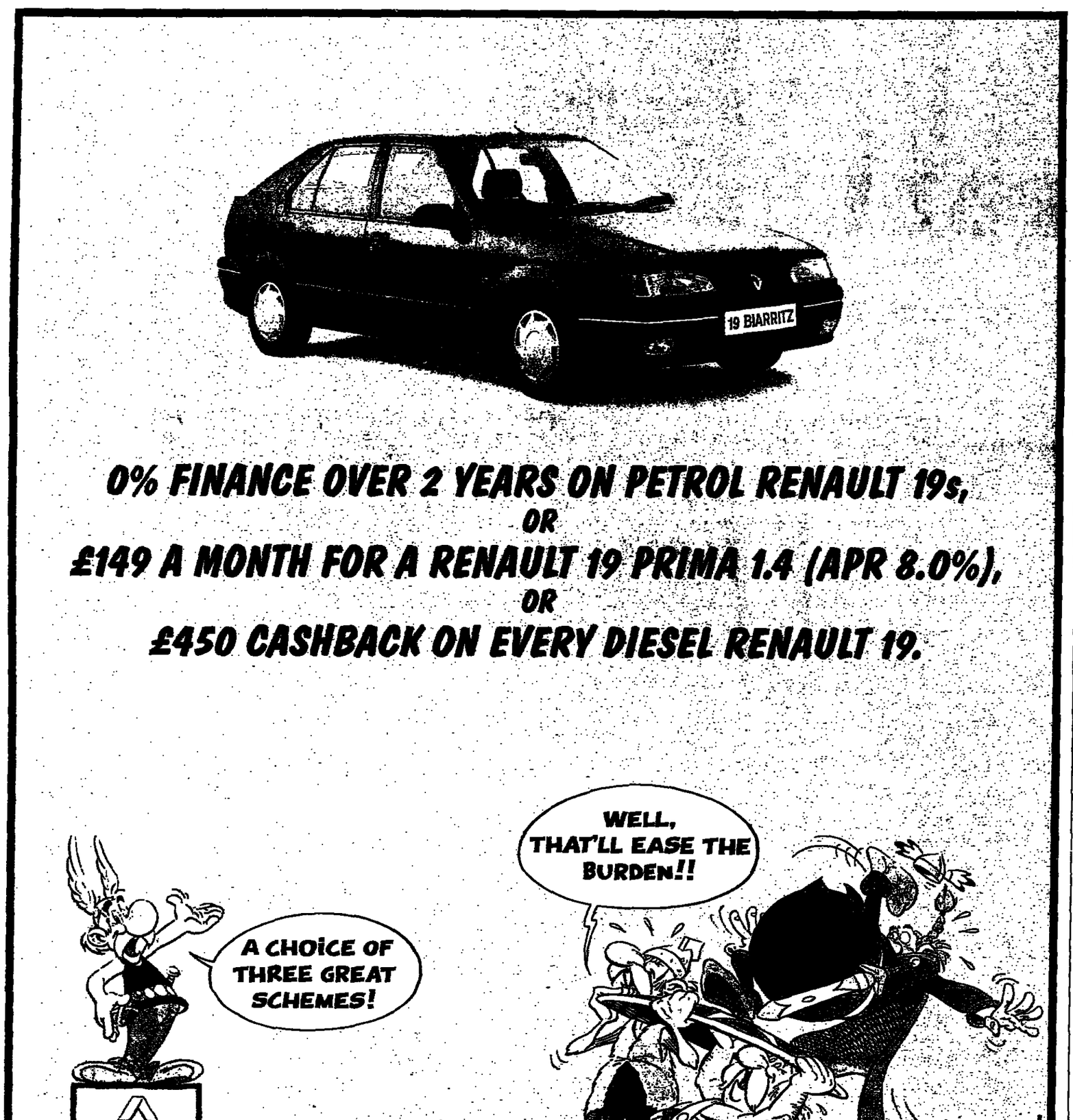
After a fierce argument last week the Tory-dominated selection committee took the rare step of forcing a vote on the make-up of the new committee, which is seen as a sop to the Ulster Unionists. Six Tory MPs, two Labour MPs, four Unionists and one member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party got on.

Opposition whips want one extra Labour MP to replace one of the Conservatives, arguing that the body should, in line with other House of Commons select committees, fairly represent the proportion of MPs in each party.

The Government decided last week to allow time for another Commons debate on the committee, underlining its determination to get the body up and running soon after Easter.

Labour was expected to table an amendment last night naming the MP which they wished replaced.

Sir James Kilfedder, the Ulster Popular Unionist MP for North Down, is the front-runner for the chairmanship of the committee.



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Reforms 'will hurt victims of crime'

BY ROBERT MORGAN AND JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Government's plans to change the compensation system for the victims of violent crime were bitterly attacked in the Commons last night. Labour called for the proposals to be withdrawn.

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, said that nothing so exposed the Government's claims about law and order than the scrapping of the present system of criminal injuries compensation. The proposals were also strongly opposed by Michael Shersby, the senior Tory MP for Uxbridge, who speaks for the Police Federation.

Under existing arrangements, victims take their cases to a criminal injuries board and awards are made taking into account not only the injury suffered, but the loss of earnings and medical costs.

Under the new tariff proposals, a scale of compensation levels is laid down. Already the plans have been widely condemned in the House of Lords and among groups supporting victims. Lord Carlisle, chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and a former Tory Cabinet minister, is among the critics.

Mr Blair said that he had found no one who supported what the Government intended to do. He said that the present scheme, introduced 30 years ago, was one of the best in the world and had been widely copied. But ministers have argued that it was brought in during a totally different era when few claims were made and compensation payouts were small. Now, they say, costs are escalating out of control.

Mr Blair said last night that no attempt had been made to spell out why costs were spiralling. The claim that they would rise from £200 million a year to £500 million seemed to have been plucked out of the air once the original argument, that the new system would be quicker and simpler, had been blown apart.

Mr Blair, speaking during consideration of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, said that thousands of people would be worse off under the new arrangements and many would be substantially worse off. He called on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to withdraw the new scheme until a better scheme could be devised after proper consultation.

Mr Shersby, who is President of Uxbridge Victim Support, said the new tariff-based scheme was being introduced "quite simply to save money". He said the Public Accounts Committee, on which he serves, had identified £208 million of savings in government, which could be used to keep the scheme going.

Mr Howard said that compensation had gone up vastly out of proportion to the increase in violent crime. By the end of the decade payments would be about £500 million a year, while under the new arrangements the figure would be £250 million. If the present arrangements were retained, by the year 2001 compensation would cost £2.5 billion. Under the tariff scheme proposed, it would be £1.4 billion.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: education: Prime Minister. Motion on railways rateable value. Motion on membership of Northern Ireland committee.
Lords (2.30): Sunday Trading Bill, committee, first day.

TONY WHITE



Rod Richards, the Conservative MP for Clywd North West, talks to his constituency office through new video-conferencing equipment. Mr Richards has led the House of Commons into the age of advanced technology by using the new technique (Nigel Hawkes writes). Through phone lines and a desktop computer, Mr Richards can communicate with his agent, Sue Gillett, who has an identical set-up in the constituency office in Colwyn Bay. Mr Richards says he has solved the MP's perennial problem of being in two places at the same time.

The availability of high-capacity digital telephone lines has made video-conferencing a practical proposition for the first time. Mr Richards uses a PictureTel LIVE system which provides full-motion, full-colour video. "Video-conferencing will make MPs more available, whether we are in our constituencies or in the House," he says.

MP calls for 'dirty tricks' probe

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS have been asked to investigate claims that Railtrack, the government-funded company which will from Friday run BR's track, signalling and stations, has been advised to embark on a "dirty tricks campaign" to destroy the credibility of a persistent critic, Peter Rayner, who was until 1991 BR's chief operations manager for the London Midland Region.

The allegation follows a letter from Sheena Stark, Railtrack's principal solicitor in Scotland, to Chris Green, managing director of InterCity, who is taking over as head of Scotrail. The letter refers to a court case in which BR was ordered to pay £21,000 to a former driver after evidence from Mr Rayner.

Brian Wilson (Lab, Cunninghame N), yesterday tabled questions in the Commons and has written to John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary. In her letter Mrs Stark says: "Both train operating units and possibly Railtrack, may have to consider being prepared to destroy Mr Rayner's credibility before he can do too much damage."

Commentary

Shop doors must not be closed to the future

You might think the promised deregulation of shopping on Sundays should justify a massive bonfire of celebration. Even the losing side could console themselves by feeding the flames with all those redundant statutes, press clippings and interminable "briefs" on anomalies. After all, the most popular case for repeal was the statutory listing of the sacred goods that could be legally bought on Sundays — like virtuous Chinese takeaways (which, developing since 1950, thereby escaped the Shops Act), but not evil fish and chips (already popular in 1950).

In the end all such antiquities proved unenforceable in England and Wales, as had long been found in Scotland under the wholesome doctrine of desuetude. Public support was confirmed by the general flouting of the law. Above all, experience has proved that freedom works; it mirrors public sentiment with none of the fearful disadvantages which united bishops and trade unionists in an unholy jihad of opposition.

LORD HARRIS of High Cross



It was the dear old Lords that first breached the ramparts. The battering ram was the formidable Baroness Trumpington, who in 1982 passed her one-page repeal Bill through the Lords on a free vote. The sight of Chief Whip, Lord Chancellor, and other Tory swells swarming through the "Content" lobby inspired Margaret Thatcher to appoint the Auld Committee in 1983 and then to embody its proposal for repeal in a government Bill.

After that Bill passed unscathed through the Lords, its unprecedented defeat on Commons second reading explains why the present Sunday Trading Bill leaves Parliament to choose between: total deregulation favoured by leading ministers; something close to the status quo supported by bishops; or the halfway house of unlimited opening for small retailers, with large shops (over 280 square metres) limited to six hours between 10am and 6pm.

The Commons chose the apparently safe middle option and passed the Bill to the Lords, which gave it an unopposed second reading on March 8, subject to voting between the three options tomorrow. The most remarkable feature of that debate was the outspoken support for full deregulation on all but the bishops' bench. Yet most out-and-out repealers indicated a supine readiness to settle for the Commons halfway house which turns out to be a cumbersome compromise between majority and good sense and fringe nonsense.

In urging the logic of full decontrol, I can understand the initial charge of extremism. After all, the compromise does get rid of the anomalies inseparable from confining Sunday shopping to specified types of goods, and it permits opening for six hours, which may be as long as most large retailers want. Yet the distinction between partial and complete freedom, which may appear a small difference in degree, remains in both principle and practice a stark difference in kind.

Thus repeal could be achieved by the 1982 one-page Trumpington Bill which lists the offending statutes and names the appointed day when they shall cease to have effect. The beauty of such economy and simplicity is that an unqualified right to open can be grasped even by a barrow boy, who may then grow into tomorrow's Tesco or Marks & Spencer. But instead of deregulation, the compromise Bill simply imposes a different regime of re-regulation.

The result is that we are now faced with 20 tortuous pages of legal gobbledegook. There are two pages of arbitrary definition of "large shops" — with appropriate penalties for infringement. Another whole page on "enforcement" inevitably includes forced entry — and more penalties. Then come two offensive pages defining "a person of the Jewish religion" who may open on Sundays so long as he closes on Saturdays. A further two convoluted pages regulate "loading and unloading" — which would be better left to local bye-laws — with still more penalties. Finally, we have eight pages of incomprehensible Cherokee, to prevent an employer threatening to discriminate against a "protected shop worker" (one not employed exclusively for Sundays) who wishes to opt out of Sunday.

But the decisive case against compromise is neither simplicity nor economy, nor even legal rigmarole. Rather the choice between the liberalism of a Tory Government and the conservatism of the unions and bishops' benches goes to the heart of Britain's historic economic decline. In a new era of unpredictable changes in markets, transport, tourism, shopping, working and family patterns, we should put progress, flexibility and dynamism before security, fixity, and stagnation. The real choice is whether we strike out boldly for the future or once again cling cravenly to a vanishing past.



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Surge in financial markets as Berlusconi victory predicted

Economists rule out policy change

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

FINANCIAL markets surged in Italy yesterday as speculation grew that the most critical general election for nearly 50 years would produce a clear winner.

The *Corriere della Sera* said most economists believed the outcome would not have a dramatic impact on the economy given that EC convergence targets would remain in force. "It will be difficult for Italian economic policy to change whoever wins the election," the Milan newspaper commented.

"There are international obligations to respect and there is an obligatory route to follow through privatisation, the struggle against inflation and fiscal reform — these objectives are present in the electoral programmes of all the forces in the field."

Giorgio Mariotti, a member of the Milan Stock Exchange Council and managing director of the SIGE company, said



speculation against the lira was not expected whatever the outcome. "The main problem is governability," he said.

Il Messaggero reported that a majority of brokers at the Milan Bourse predicted a victory for Silvio Berlusconi, the right-wing media mogul, but were unconcerned if they were proved wrong. "Institutional investors have no fear about the reaction of the markets," the Rome newspaper said.

Achille Occhetto, the leader of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS), has pledged to continue the programme of privatisation and austerity to bring down the budget deficit started by the caretaker Prime Minister, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the former central bank governor.

A poll of businessmen and managers for *Panorama* magazine in December showed 45 per cent thought the left "believes in the market" while 55 per cent said left-wing parties were still "state interventionist".

About 46 per cent of those polled said the left "seems a real democratic alternative", 44 per cent said they were concerned at the prospect of a left-wing victory, and 10 per cent said that they liked the idea.

Signor Berlusconi has clashed publicly in the past with the employers' federation Confindustria, whose chairman Luigi Abete has insisted on not publicly supporting any grouping. Commentators say that the television mogul's promises of lower taxes for all and "a new Italian miracle" have been received more enthusiastically by small and medium-size businessmen than by large industrialists sceptical about Signor Berlusconi's ability to make good on his pledges. "Berlusconi emphasises the protest and weariness of the small and medium firm," *La Repubblica* maintained.

☐ **Corruption trial:** Bettino Craxi, the former Prime Minister, goes on trial today. *(Reuter)*



Alessandra Mussolini, MP and granddaughter of the late dictator, Benito Mussolini, casting her vote yesterday on the second day of the elections

Kravchuk's foes make headway in Ukraine poll

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN KIEV

PRELIMINARY results from Sunday's parliamentary elections in Ukraine suggest a strong showing for opponents of President Kravchuk.

The unexpectedly high turnout of 75 per cent may also be considered a defeat for the President, since there have been strong indications that he wished the polls to fail. A clear picture of the results, will not, however, emerge until after the second round of elections, due on April 10.

Forty-seven candidates, or just above 10 per cent of the total, won outright in the first round on Sunday. In a dangerous development, radical nationalists did well in three western regions, winning seven out of 18 seats declared. In Russian-dominated eastern Ukraine, the Communist Party, which favours a union with Russia and other former Soviet republics, swept the board, winning ten out of 13 seats in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions.

Among the 20 or so candidates reported so far to have won outright in the first round of voting is the former Prime Minister, Leonid Kuchma, who won 91 per cent of the vote in his native Chernigov. Mr Kuchma has forged an alliance with Russian leaders of the Ukrainian industrial establishment and favours closer relations with Russia. His popularity rating now outstrips President Kravchuk's and it is thought he will be the latter's most dangerous rival when the presidential elections are finally held.

Other first-round victors include another rival of Mr Kravchuk, Ivan Plyusch, chairman of the outgoing parliament, and the leader of the Rukh democratic and nationalist opposition party, Vyacheslav Chornovil.

Their success will, however, be overshadowed if the radical nationalists do well. To judge by the available first-round results, the latter's influence seems to be spreading from their west Ukrainian heartland to the capital, Kiev.

Tehran: The Iranian plane which crashed two weeks ago near Stepanakert in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-majority enclave in Azerbaijan, killing 19 relatives of Iranian diplomats in Moscow and 13 crew, was brought down by an Armenian missile, Iran said yesterday. *(AFP)*

Bonn doubts linger over Eurofighter

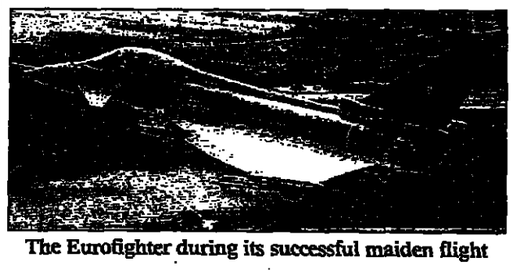
FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE long-delayed maiden flight of the Eurofighter has triggered a new debate in Germany about the need to relax the country's strict arms export laws.

Wolfgang Piller, president of the German Aerospace Industry Association, emphasised yesterday that the successful weekend flight of the fighter — a co-operative venture between Britain, Germany and Spain — showed that there was a future for European arms projects.

"The Europeans have now demonstrated, with projects such as the Tornado and Airbus, that they are capable of the very highest performance." Dr Piller was trying to fend off criticism that European collaboration on the fighter has slowed down development and made it expensive. Even Volker Rühe, the German Defence Minister, seemed to share these doubts, but has come to terms with the project partly because of British pressure.

Defence Ministry sources say that the German air force may order 140 of the fighters, which are due to come into service in 2002. Dr Piller, however, admitted that European collaboration on arms contracts was far from easy. The chief problem, he said, had been of German making — "especially when it comes to goods that fall under arms export regulations".



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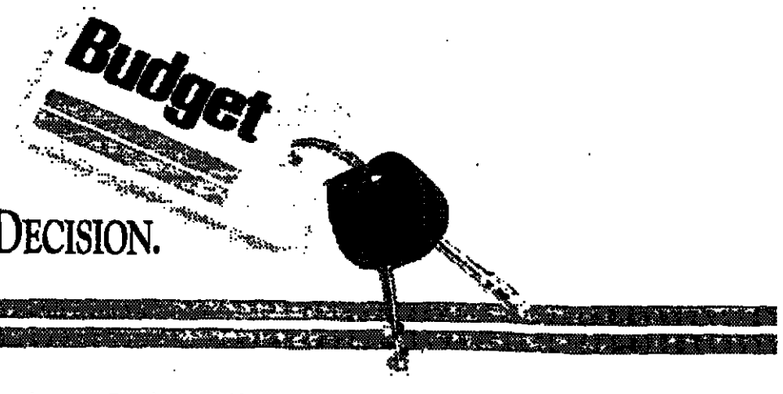


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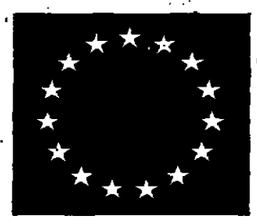
FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

DOUGLAS Hurd might call it the "spaceship factor". Other European Union countries speak of Britain's approach to issues such as the majority voting controversy in less polite terms. But the descriptions all agree that Britain's fights with the rest of the EU are different.

As he beat his retreat on majority votes in the mountains of northern Greece, Mr Hurd chided a radio interviewer for casting every debate about Europe as a struggle between Europhiles and Euro-sceptics.

"We are not on some sort of spaceship trying to decide which bit of Earth we are going to visit," he said. "We are actually in Europe and we have to make a success of the kind of Europe we believe in." He never implies that Europe is foreign and that suspicion is the proper approach to it. This view, he seems to think, is the kind of warped thinking which comes from living in a spaceship and thinking that Europe is abroad.

The difference in approach between Mr Hurd and John Major reveals one reason why Britain finds it harder to prevail from an isolated or minority position than other large EU governments. How, Tory MPs and MEPs ask, can Germany persuade 11 deeply reluctant partners to recognise Slovenia and Croatia? How can France threaten to derail the European Parliament elections without anybody accusing the French of sabotage? The answer comes down to attitude. Little of the criticism



directed at Britain over the past few weeks has been targeted at its partner in obduracy, Spain. Javier Solana, Spain's Foreign Minister, argued his case and left. No opponent could build a case that Spain's politicians had lost their belief in European integration. Britain is suspected of heresy and less latitude is extended to heretics. Mr Major remains a mystery to his colleagues. Because he is seen as changeable, he is thought to be vulnerable to Euro-sceptics.

Other states plan in advance, matching their objectives to their bargaining weight. France and Germany enjoy a special status and power by virtue of a simple fact of history: there would be little point in the EU's existence if it did not link two countries which went to war three times in a century. Even their diplomats spend months and sometimes years trying to avoid fights they may not win.

Britain had support from its large partners when the voting argument began last autumn but lost Germany's support in November, but Tactics were never adjusted. Once talks on admitting new states were over, Britain risked being held responsible for wrecking enlargement. Its partners knew the end of the argument was a matter of time.

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What they had to say about Europe

☐ We Conservatives must have the confidence and sharp-edged determination to stay at the heart of the European debate to win a Community of free, independent members.

Speech to the Conservative Group for Europe at the end of the committee stage for the Maastricht Bill

☐ We are determined to negotiate in Brussels, and to fight Britain's corner just as hard as every other nation would fight for itself. We will not be moved by phoney threats to delay enlargement. There is ample time to complete the enlargement process; if there is delay, it will be because certain other member states — two in particular [Netherlands and Belgium] — have taken an inflexible and doctrinaire line... The Opposition would sign away our votes, our competitiveness and our money. The right honourable and learned member for Monklands East [John Smith, the Labour leader] is the man who likes to say yes in Europe — Monsieur Oui, the poodle of Brussels.

Prime Minister's Question Time

☐ I believe that we are right to argue vigorously for principles that are important both for Britain and for Europe's future, and that is what we are doing. We need a balanced decision that safeguards the rights of minorities.

Prime Minister's Question Time

☐ It would be a great shame if enlargement were to be delayed. But that is what it is. ... I am not issuing threats or ultimatums but even if it were genuinely impossible to reach an agreement there is still no reason why the Community should not agree that enlargement should go ahead.

Interview in The Guardian

☐ Now we are engaged in difficult negotiations with our partners in Europe. But preserving British interests is the right thing to do. It is quite possible to get an agreement that secures our interests without damaging the concerns of our partners. I hope we can succeed because enlargement of the Community is an important prize. We fight hard for our vision.

Speech to the Conservative Central Council

☐ The union is a non-stop negotiation with brinkmanship and deal-making in its blood. Those who despise the process need to reflect on the past, bitter argument leading to broken relations, to trade restrictions or even to war... Certain principles must be upheld. All member states need to be sure that their views are not steam-rollered.

Speech in Dublin

☐ Britain against Europe cannot in our saner moments be our rallying cry. That is not the approach of a party that is comfortable with its history and comfortable with Britain's proud role in the world.

Conservative Central Council meeting

☐ We have to consider whether what is proposed adequately protects our interests.

BBC The World at One



Douglas Hurd leaving Downing Street. Today he will recommend acceptance of the vote compromise

British stance provokes bitter German attack

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

BRITAIN was portrayed by the German press yesterday as the clear loser in the Greek compromise plan on voting rights in the European Union. The criticism of Britain was accompanied by a broader attack on the whole system of European crisis management, a striking new tone from Bonn.

"A wretched performance. What is the point of this whole rumpus?" asked the Berlin *B Z* daily newspaper. "The times when decisions in Brussels have really been blocked by qualified majority voting in the past 20 years can be counted on the fingers of one hand. London and others have known how to get special treatment time and time again without this hurdle."

Erich Hauser, one of Germany's leading syndicated commentators on European affairs, was in no doubt as to who had emerged the loser in the dispute. "The so-called compromise on the painful question of voting rights represents a defeat for John Major," he wrote. "The Madrid government, the only one to stand alongside London, will find it easier to accept the result because Felipe González did not make the dispute into a question of prestige." Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, in particular, "gives the impression of a person defending something that he does not believe in," he wrote.

Herr Hauser's main point was about the disturbing new strength of the European Parliament, which had threatened to throw out any deals modelled on the British proposals. "Without that threat, the firm line of the Ten against Britain and Spain would probably not have held."

The depressed mood of the German political class was best captured by the Munich daily *Süddeutsche Zeitung*: "The European Union has once more demonstrated what it can do best, namely negotiate shaky compromises which will not hold even to the next crisis." The real reason for "British intransigence in a basically ridiculous issue was the pitch-black distrust with which European Union members regard each other," said the newspaper. "Today this distrust is greater than when the European Community was founded 37 years ago — that is no basis for an enlarged Union."

The German government is much concerned with the breakdown in confidence since, like Britain, it fears big losses in the European election in June. Like Britain, it is packaging its European policies with a view to gaining, or at least retaining, electoral support.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, whose small Free Democratic Party is the most vulnerable of all mainstream parties, has been trying to demonstrate strong German resolve in the European Union entry negotiations, effectively taking over the talks during the long night of bargaining on Norwegian accession. He clearly hoped this high profile would translate into a better showing at the ballot box. Yesterday Herr Kinkel expressed muted optimism over the Greek compromise, but refused to talk of a breakthrough.



Kinkel: keen to show resolve of Germany

Anything that could slow down the entry of new members is regarded by the German government as a setback for the government in European elections.

Nordic states fear backlash

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

SCANDINAVIAN politicians have warned that, if the voting rights issue is not resolved this week, the whole process of EU enlargement could be threatened.

Margaretha af Ugglas, the Swedish Foreign Minister, speaking after her meeting with Douglas Hurd on Sunday, said: "We have made it quite clear that it is necessary to find a solution within the next few days, otherwise enlargement will be delayed. I am also afraid there will be quite a negative reaction to such a move among public opinion in Sweden." Opinion polls show a majority of Swedes still plan to vote against membership.

The Finnish Foreign Minister, Heikke Haavisto, told Finnish journalists that Britain would carry a heavy responsibility if the membership of candidate countries' was held up.

However, despite the growing concern of politicians the Scandinavian media seem to have accepted that a compromise will be reached. The Norwegian evening paper, *Aftonposten*, believes that the solution discussed in Greece will allow the three Nordic countries and Austria to join by January 1, 1995, although it says that the solution proposed "in itself has risks of new disagreements". Norwegian government officials have been happy to play down the dispute in a country where anti-EU feeling is at its strongest.

In Sweden, *Dagens Nyheter* wonders what will happen to John Major. "One can easily imagine how the most rabid EU sceptics among his party colleagues will react if they find that the Prime Minister has accepted a cleverly disguised retreat."

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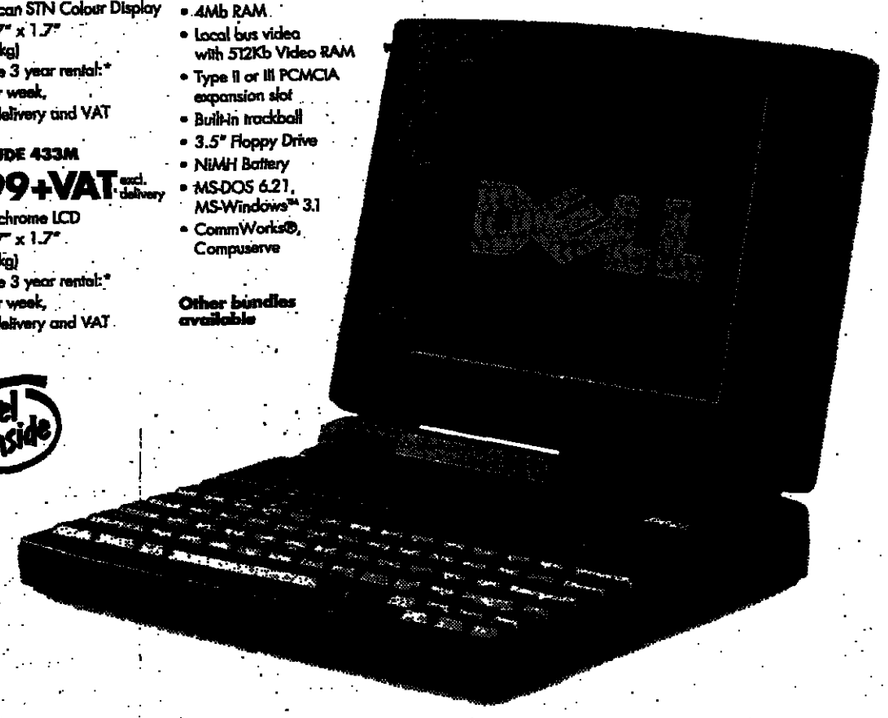
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Women of CIA want licence to spy

BY IAN BRODIE

IT IS not enough, the women working for the CIA have decided, to be the equivalent of Miss Moneypenny. They want to be spies, too.

At least 200 of them have banded together to challenge the power of the CIA's "old boy" network that decides who shall serve as station chiefs, agents and case officers. Until now, all but a handful of these sought-after posts have been filled by men.

The CIA women are considering a lawsuit, but those wanting to join the covert ranks could not be identified in court. Otherwise they would have blown their cover even before donning their first trenchcoat or setting foot overseas on their first espionage assignment.

The CIA, however, is hoping to reach agreement with the women before the case goes to court.

Children die singing hymn as tornado tears down church

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE death toll of the tornado that scythed through the Deep South of the United States rose yesterday to at least 42. Almost half of those killed were attending a packed Palm Sunday service in a small-town church in Piedmont, Alabama, when a fearsome "twister", leaving a trail of uprooted homes and scattered cars, folded it like a house of cards.

Children in the congregation were singing "Jehovah Jireh" as part of a play on the church stage when the tornado shattered the stained glass, ripped off the roof and toppled a breeze-block wall on top of the 140-strong congregation.

Seven children were among the 19 worshippers killed, including the five-year-old daughter of the minister. About 100 people were injured. Another man was killed on a motorway near the church when the winds hurled a telephone pole into his van, and at least two other people died elsewhere in the state, which bore the brunt of the storm. Tornadoes damaged two other churches within 30 miles of Piedmont, and tore the roof of a nursing home elsewhere in the state.

In neighbouring Georgia, 16 people died, including seven whose mobile homes were ripped from their moorings at a trailer park in Pickens County. Two more people died when the storms crossed into South Carolina; one was killed by lightning in front of his home in North Carolina and a hiker drowned in a Tennessee creek swollen by the rains.

The National Weather Service reported that tornadoes triggered by record warm air had touched down in the southeast United States on Sunday, with rain and hailstones the size of golf balls.

Tornadoes are a fact of life in the Deep South, where 48 people were killed by similar storms less than two years ago. But disasters like that which befell the Goshen Methodist Church in Piedmont, a town of just 5,000, are rare. People in the congregation said they heard wind batter the church, then the lights went out.

"The power had gone off, but everyone just kept singing," said Carol Scroggin, who was at the altar leading the drama when the storm struck. "Nobody had a chance to do anything. It was so quick."

Students shot

Los Angeles: Two college students, each aged 19, one a Japanese citizen and the other a Japanese-American, died on Sunday from wounds suffered when both were shot in the head during a "carjacking" outside a supermarket in a crime that has outraged Japan and was also condemned by President Clinton. *(Reuter)*



Tornadoes that swept across the Deep South left this house in Talulah, north Georgia, among many wrecked. At least 42 people died, many at worship

Clinton officials rush to back aide

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WHITE House officials moved swiftly yesterday to refute any suggestion that President Clinton was distancing himself from George Stephanopoulos, his closest aide, who is in trouble over allegations that he enquired about removing a prominent Republican lawyer from investigating one aspect of the Whitewater affair.

Mr Clinton did not publicly support Mr Stephanopoulos, but Jeff Eller, his spokesman, said: "The entire White House stands behind George fully and completely, and that includes the President and First Lady." Officials said Mr Clinton would not force Mr Stephanopoulos to resign.

The White House meanwhile rebutted a *Newsweek* report that Hillary Clinton did not risk any of her own money when she made a profit in cattle futures 15 years ago. Professor Marvin Chirelstein, an expert quoted in the report, said the article was "false and irresponsible".

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So, through energy efficient design, you could get a much better working environment which will pay dividends in terms of staff comfort, efficiency and productivity.

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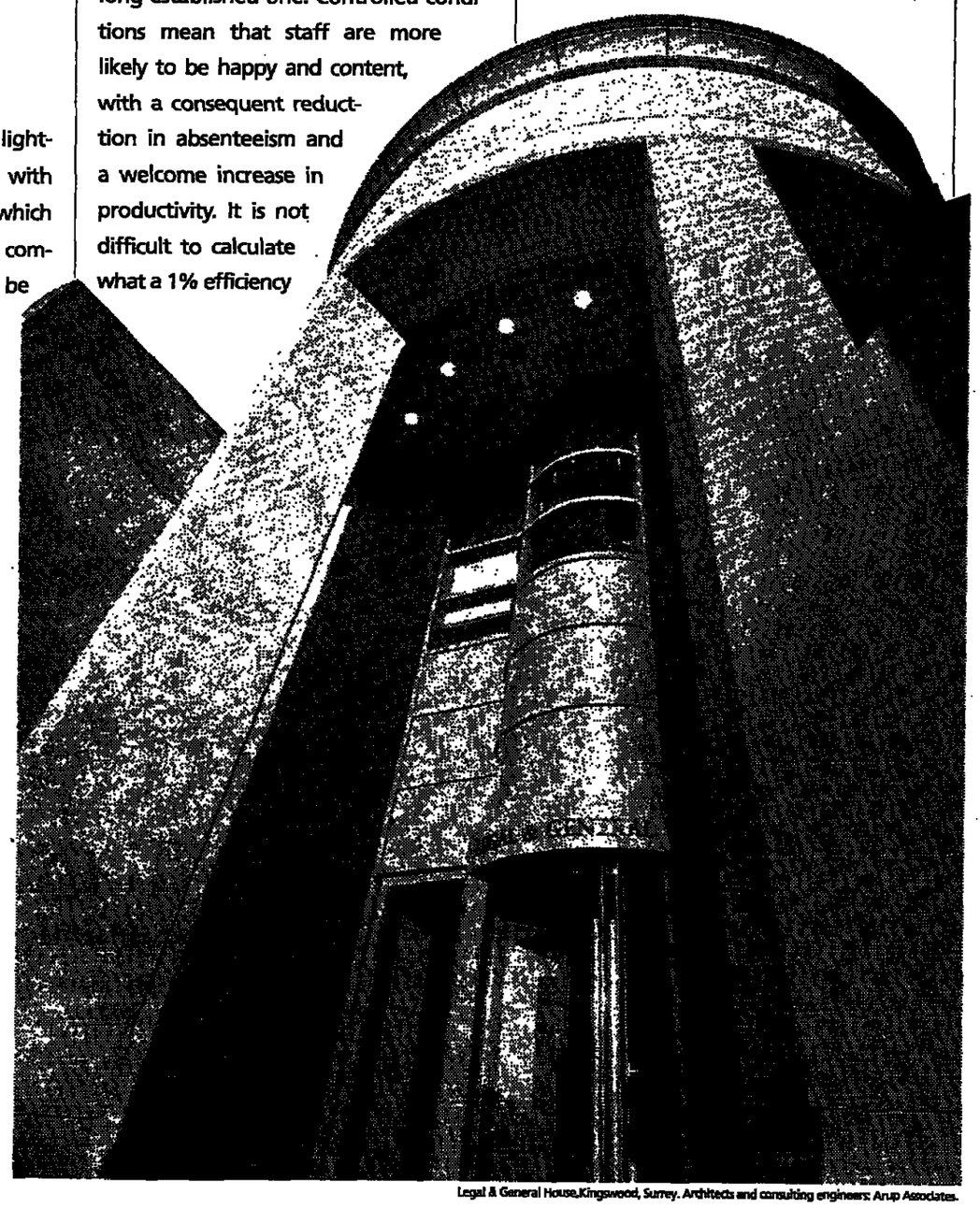
Modern electric systems such as heat pumps with heat recovery use energy far more efficiently than gas boilers and contribute less in CO_2 emissions too. Indeed, the downward trend of CO_2 emissions from electricity generation means that electric heat pumps will be increasingly valuable as a measure for reducing the greenhouse effect; an interesting fact if your building is going up over the next few years. The best systems use heat recovery, which means recycling the heat already produced.

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Mexico waits for ruling party to point the way

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MEXICO CITY

IN THESE days of political uncertainty in Mexico after the assassination of the ruling party's presidential candidate for elections in August, all attention is focused on one man's finger, and which way it is pointing.

As days pass with no new candidate named, observers are beginning to wonder if the finger is still functioning. Why so much fuss about a finger? Because the digit in question is that of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who, under Mexico's authoritarian system of succession, traditionally nominates the candidate, in a ritual-like process known as the *dedazo*, or "the big finger".

But in the wake of the killing of the candidate, Luis Colosio, the pointing of the finger is under attack as Mexico's political system faces pressure for greater democracy and the country teeters on the brink of political and economic chaos.

There has been frenetic political activity around the offices of President Salinas as prospective candidates come and go. The death of Señor Colosio, himself selected by *dedazo* last November, has exposed an intense power struggle in the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) about the future direction of the party, forcing a delay in the succession.

The PRI has run the country without interruption since 1929. Under President Salinas there has been significant economic reform, what observers call a Mexican "glasnost". But, fearful of what democracy might mean to the chances of the PRI staying in power, political reform, or "perestroika", has come more slowly. Hence the survival of the *dedazo*.

But the political system, designed by the PRI to protect its power, has ironically presented the party with a severe headache. Rules dictate that any candidate for the presidency must have been out of top government office for six months before the election. That has eliminated most senior PRI officials, leaving what is universally regarded as a weak field.

"There is a crisis within the crisis," said historian Lorenzo Meyer. "We are at a historical crossroads."

A notable absentee from the list of potential candidates is perhaps the natural successor, Manuel Camacho Solis, the former PRI Mayor of Mexico City, known for his strong advocacy of political reform. But Señor Camacho has many enemies in the PRI who accuse him of being a traitor to the party.



Salinas: traditionally nominates candidate

Balladur gives in to student anger

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the French Prime Minister, yesterday surrendered to demonstrators for the fourth time in six months, abandoning a job creation plan which had sent tens of thousands of students into the streets.

The Gaullist leader, who starts his second year in office today, told student leaders at a hastily called meeting that he was suspending for a week the decree allowing workers aged under 25 to be paid less than the minimum wage in return for training. Nicolas Sarkozy, the government spokesman and Budget Minister, said the national employment agency would "define a new system" to replace the disputed wage plan.

Although one in five youths is out of work in France, students and school pupils seized on the measure as an attempt to exploit the young and held mass demonstrations, which M Balladur noted were as much about their gloom over their future as about the wage law.

M Balladur watered down the plan, known as the CIP, but until Sunday his team was depicting it as a "Verdun" battle in which there would be no surrender. The Prime Minister changed his mind on Sunday after the government won a vote of confidence in the second round of departmental council elections.

Although the cantonal election results enabled M Balladur to claim popular endorsement, the backing for his Gaullist-centre-right coalition was not as strong as expected, while the opposition Socialist Party enjoyed an unexpected surge in support.

M Balladur clearly calculated that it was judicious to defuse the student crisis by abandoning a measure which had proved unpopular with the public and even his own Gaullist party. His decision, however, hands ammunition to critics who say he lacks backbone.

□ Marseilles: Bernard Tapie, the French MP, already the target of two inquiries, has been placed under investigation for suspected fraud and forgery in connection with the finances of his Olympique de Marseilles football club, local judicial sources said. *(Reuter)*

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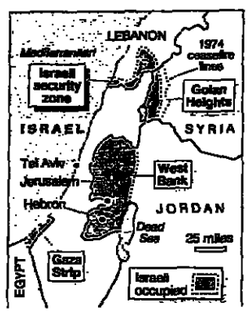
PLO wins Hebron security deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE Middle East peace process was boosted yesterday when Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation expressed hopes of a breakthrough at talks in Cairo this morning which would enable full-scale negotiations, broken off after the Hebron massacre, to resume. It was also announced that an Israeli minister is to lead an official delegation for talks in a Gulf state for the first time since the foundation of Israel in 1948.

Yossi Beilin, Deputy Foreign Minister, will head an Israeli team to Muscat, capital of the sultanate of Oman, on April 17 for multi-lateral peace talks on the water problem in the region. The move, to be preceded by preliminary talks involving Israeli experts on April 5, comes after Sunday's invitation from Qatar, another Gulf state, for Israel to attend arms control talks there in May, as part of the general multi-lateral talks on Middle East peace which which were started after the Madrid conference in 1991.

"Beilin and other Israelis will be received courteously," said one Gulf-based diplomat, "but they should not expect a hero's welcome. Anti-Israeli sentiment is running very high, and it has not been helped by Hebron." The diplomat said that the Gulf states had originally agreed to host the two forums long before the massacre, in which 30 Arab worshippers were killed. He claimed that Oman and Qatar had probably been selected because they were small, tightly controlled societies relatively remote from the front line of the Arab-Israeli conflict where the risk of protests was small.



A senior PLO official in Tunis said earlier that the two sides hoped to announce a deal on security measures for Hebron at today's Cairo meeting.

Once the agreement on Hebron is reached, Mr Beilin said that the two sides would need "a few weeks" to clinch final agreement on the delayed withdrawal of Israeli troops from Jericho and the Gaza Strip, which should have started in December.

King Husain meanwhile yesterday linked Jordan's resumption of peace talks with Israel to an immediate end to searches by US-led naval forces policing a trade embargo on Iraq of vessels heading to the Red Sea port of Aqaba.



A poster of Adel Imam, the Egyptian star, outside a cinema showing the anti-fundamentalist *Al-Irhabi (The Terrorist)*, a surprising hit in Cairo

Egyptians flock to film attacking Islamic terrorism

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

A BRAVE film attacking Islamic militants has become a surprise hit in Egypt, breaking all box-office records despite death threats against the crew, the actors and the audiences flocking to Cairo cinemas to see it.

Entitled *Al-Irhabi (The Terrorist)* the film grossed over £E700,000 (£145,000) in its first week and is set to be shown across the Arab world where the Cairo film industry is the equivalent of Hollywood in the West.

The star, Adel Imam, has long since replaced Omar Sharif as the leading heart-throb of the Arab screen. Many streets in Cairo are now overshadowed by posters depicting him as an Islamic extremist, complete with white skullcap, beard and cocked pistol.

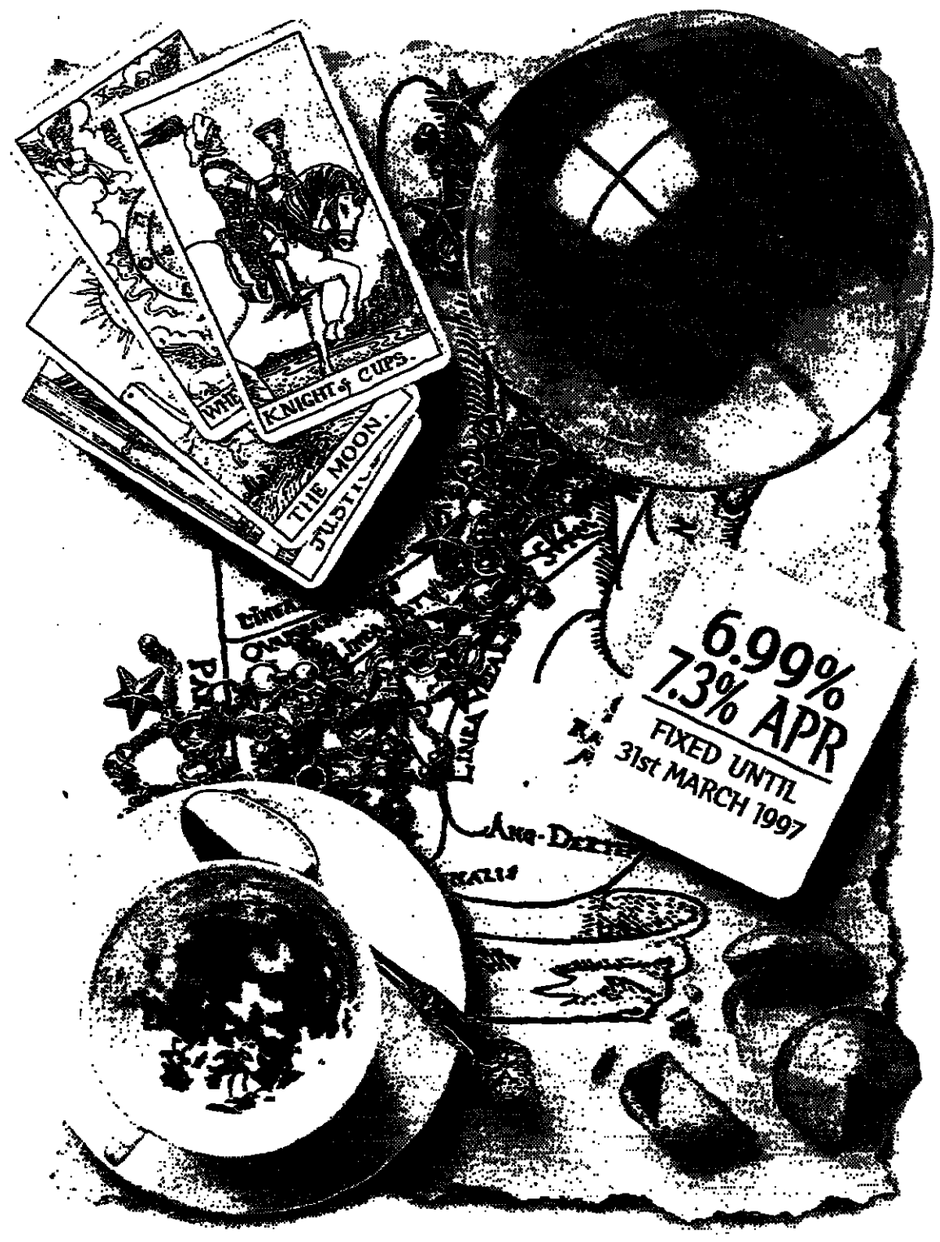
During the two months in which the film was being shot, the star and the crew received continuous threats from the main armed groups, who are not only against this film in particular but all forms of popular entertainment, including theatre, circuses and bellydancing.

The size of the audiences emphasises that Egyptians, Muslims and Christians (who make up 10 per cent of the population) are still strong and not easily frightened, says Imam, probably the best-known actor in the Middle East, but cinemas showing the film are heavily guarded.

The film, set in the affluent Cairo suburb of Maadi, depicts the militants as unfortunates, misled by their ruthless leaders who teach them religous slogans parrot-fashion and lack any honour. Many of the issues it covers have previously been taboo for an industry which largely churns out soap operas.

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Ciller party bounces back in the local polls

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

ANKARA'S diplomatic community spent a busy day yesterday advising foreign governments not to write off Tansu Ciller, Turkey's Prime Minister, after all. Virtually every opinion poll, public comment and whispered aside had said that Mrs Ciller's chances of surviving Sunday's local elections were slim.

Instead Mrs Ciller's True Path party appears to have won 24 per cent of the national vote, only a few points lower than its performance in 1991's general election. The other main victor in the contest was the pro-Islamic Welfare Party which, with votes still being counted, was fractionally ahead in the battle for the mayor's office in Istanbul.

In addition to regional pockets of support, the party is well favoured in the jerry-built neighbourhoods around Turkish cities. It was still running neck-and-neck with the Social Democrats in the contest for Ankara, the capital and until now the seemingly impregnable citadel of secular republican values.

Until Sunday's poll, too, most commentators believed that Mrs Ciller was having difficulty putting a foot right. The country is now teetering on the edge of a recession after a consumer boom financed by low interest rates and borrowing abroad. Post-election price rises are likely to send the annual rate of inflation to 100 per cent.

Mrs Ciller's respectable performance is likely to postpone a much-heralded union of the centre-right between the True Path and Motherland parties.

Offensive stirs Serb fears over federation

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

BOSNIA'S Muslim-dominated parliament met yesterday to ratify the federation agreement with the country's Croats. Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, heralded the move as "a defeat for Serb aggressive strategy". However, Serb officials alleged that Croats and Muslims were attacking in northern Bosnia.

Mr Silajdzic said that the door was still open for the Serbs to join the federation, although the Bosnian Serb parliament in Pale last week rejected the plan. Yesterday Jovan Zametica, the Bosnian Serb spokesman, said: "Just as the world invites us to join the Muslim-Croat federation, the Muslims are attacking us in their spring offensive."

Serbs claimed they were under attack in Doboj and Teslic and from Croat forces in the Orasje enclave. On Sunday, the Bosnian Serbs claimed that eight civilians, including four children, had been killed in Doboj.

Despite Serb claims of heavy fighting, United Nations sources said that most of Bosnia, including the north, was quiet.

Serbs are deeply worried that the developing Muslim-Croat federation plans are also turning into an active anti-Serb military alliance. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is at odds with General Ratko Mladic, the army chief.

☐ **Oslo:** Eight Olympic gold medallists will light a flame in Sarajevo today in hope for peace in the capital, host of the 1984 Winter Games. *(Reuter)*

Ionesco, genius of farce, dies at 81

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EUGENE Ionesco, the master playwright of the absurd whose bleak humour influenced a creative generation that spanned Jean-Paul Sartre and *Monty Python*, died in Paris yesterday aged 81.

A Romanian who spent his childhood and most of his later life in France, Ionesco is usually coupled with the late Samuel Beckett and Arthur Adamov and lesser 1950s playwrights. But his mix of black farce and nonsense did more than anyone to influence the way modern humourists have come to see the world. He became the world's most played author and his *Cantatrice Chauve* (The Bald Prima Donna) and *La Leçon* have been running continuously at the Huchette theatre in Paris since 1957.

Members of the cast, including the actor-director Nicolas Bataille, who has been playing Ionesco for 40 years, last night paid tribute to the playwright before they started their 11,944th performance of *La Cantatrice Chauve*.

"The most absurd thing is to be conscious of the fact that human existence is unbearable, that the human condition is unbearable, and nevertheless cling to it," Ionesco said. "We are torn to pieces between the horror of living and the horror of dying."

Paying tribute last night, Jack Lang, the former Culture Minister, said Ionesco was "a revolutionary of the theatre who turned 20th-century drama upside down. He used an ancient theatrical weapon which he totally renewed: farce."



Ionesco: inspired a generation of comics

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Police taking cover in Johannesburg yesterday as Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party flee from unidentified gunmen. Another Zulu hides under a parked car

Bloodbath as Johannesburg march turns into battlefield

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

The white South African nightmare of bloodshed in the centre of Johannesburg came true yesterday. There has been violence in Johannesburg before, notably during the "taxi wars" — but nothing on this scale. As mutilated bodies lay in Library Gardens and on street corners, fear rippled through the white suburbs.

Shock waves spread through the financial markets and shares slid on the Johannesburg stock exchange. The mayhem came only a day after President de Klerk held talks with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi on ways of preventing violence in the run-up to South Africa's election, now less than a month away. Hernus Kriel, the Law and Order Minister, sent police reinforcements into Johannesburg, urging the Zulu King to "control his subjects ... in view of the extremely serious situation".

The African National Congress last night blamed "incompetence" by the police for the killings. But Thabo Mbeki, the ANC chairman, who had earlier called for a state of emergency to be declared during the elections, indicated that the failure of the police to protect the ANC national headquarters against attacks by crowds of armed Zulus "suggests a little more than incompetence".

The ANC admitted that their security guards had fired on a group of Zulus who were advancing on Shell House, the headquarters building.

Patrick Lekota, a senior executive member, and the ANC prime ministerial candidate in the Orange Free State, said that marchers had assembled on the pavement opposite the ANC building and advanced towards it, arms in hand. "The ANC's security personnel fired warning shots and the advancing group retreated," he said.

A second assault was made, which was again dispersed by warning shots from the ANC's own security men. "It would appear that at this point the police officers on duty withdrew," Mr Lekota said. "Because not one was visible afterwards, for the following 30 minutes. Shots, evidently from automatic weapons, were heard ... and another group of armed men advanced from around the same corner to be joined by one from across the street with the obvious intent of storming the ANC head office. The ANC's security personnel then fired into the advancing groups, inflicting a number of casualties. The groups broke up and those that were able to fled."

Tokyo Sexwale, the ANC's local regional head and prime ministerial candidate for the Johannesburg province, said that he had been in touch with General Koos Calitz, the regional police commissioner, on Sunday evening and was told that steps would be taken to protect both the regional and the national ANC offices.

He said the police promised they would establish road blocks to ensure that no arms would be brought into the city centre, but that no road blocks had been set up. After flying over the city in a helicopter, he said: "I could see the police doing absolutely nothing."

Many other senior ANC members complained that there was no protection for the building all morning, despite a number of reports being made of threats from the Zulu demonstrators. In fact, it was not until nearly 2 pm that police began to bring up barbed-wire barricades to seal off the streets around Shell House.

Zulu leaders, on the other hand, blamed ANC sharpshooters for the deaths in Library Gardens. Humphrey Ndlovu, the Inkatha Freedom Party regional chairman, insisted that the firing from the bank building overlooking the gardens had been an unprovoked attempt to kill as many people as possible.

A statement issued by Inkatha demanded that the day's events be investigated by Judge Richard Goldstone's commission of enquiry into violence and intimidation "as an urgent priority and to appoint both local and international investigators". Ed Tillett, the Inkatha spokesman, added: "Reports have also been received that shots were fired on marchers from assassins who concealed themselves within the ranks of march participants."

The marchers were also fired upon by strategically positioned rooftop snipers. Their presence was confirmed by a large number of independent witnesses. The attacks were clearly well-planned and added a sinister new dimension to political violence in this country. The majority of the victims of the shooting were Zulus.

President de Klerk, reacting to the days events put the blame for the deaths squarely on the march organisers. "According to present information, insufficient care was taken by the organisers of the march to prevent violence and to discipline participants," he said.

"There can be no excuse at this critical stage in the political process for provocative and potentially violent actions such as we have seen today. It not only endangers the elections and reform process, but also the very fabric of society," he said.

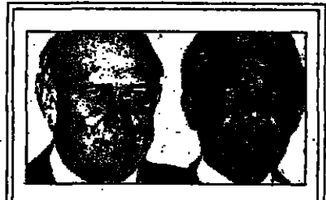
Mr de Klerk called on all political leaders to exercise control and restraint over their followers, to ensure there was no repetition of the day's events and to avoid any action which could lead to violence. "The time has arrived for the urgent consideration — by the Transitional Executive Council, government, the Independent Electoral Commission and others — of additional measures or steps which can prevent a repetition of what has happened today and on recent similar occasions."

He said: "The Government intends discussing these matters with the relevant institutions. Obviously, such measures or steps should not prevent political parties from campaigning peacefully and democratically."

■ **Transkei pact:** The Transkei Government has given the go-ahead for the National Party to open two offices in the homeland ahead of next month's election (Inigo Gilmore reports). The agreement was struck after five hours of talks in Umtata between Major General Bantu Holomisa, the homeland ruler, and National Party representatives. The Transkei government will provide security for the offices and its personnel until April 4 when the situation will be reviewed again.

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■ The ANC and Inkatha accused each other over the violence that broke out on the streets when Zulus tried to march on the ANC headquarters. President de Klerk put the blame on the indiscipline of organisers



ELECTION COUNTDOWN

Pyongyang hits at Patriot build-up

NORTH Korea said yesterday that US anti-missile Patriot missiles being sent to South Korea could be modified to attack it, and spoke of "grave consequences" if the deployment was not stopped (Our Foreign Staff writes).

"Its [the Patriot's] target can be changed by the kind of warhead it is tipped with," said a North Korean Foreign Ministry statement. "The US shipment of new-type Patriots in South Korea is nothing but an open aggressive act to threaten the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

In Seoul, Rhee Byoung Tae, the South Korean Defence Minister, said: "The government's persistent position is to prevent North Korea from developing nuclear weapons and to resolve this [nuclear issue] peacefully." If North Korea waged war, it would see "only miserable defeat and war victory will be on the side of combined [South] Korean-US forces", he said.

China yesterday dashed hopes that it would take a strong line, telling South Korea the nuclear issue could be ended only through talks.

Algerian official shot dead

Paris: Belkacem Touati, a senior Algerian Foreign Ministry official, was shot dead in front of his home in an Algiers suburb, the official news agency APS said. His wife was wounded in the attack by three men armed with pistols, the agency said, quoting security sources. It blamed Muslim fundamentalists for the attack. *(Reuter)*

Oilmen seized

Sanaa: Yemeni tribesmen have taken three Dutch engineers hostage and are demanding rent from oil companies using tribal land in the impoverished Arab state. *(Reuter)*

Ferry rescue

Cairo: Rescuers in the Egyptian Red Sea port of Safaga saved 236 people from a passenger ferry en route from the Egyptian port of Suez to Jedda in Saudi Arabia after it struck coral reefs. *(Reuter)*

Bus hall blast

Delhi: A bomb in a bus station in Jammu, Kashmir, killed two people and wounded 14. No one claimed responsibility, but 8,200 have died in separatist violence in Kashmir in four years. *(AP)*

Fish blockade

San Sebastian: About 100 Spanish fishing boats blockaded the outlet of the River Bidassoa to stop French boats from leaving to fish for anchovy over the permitted EU limit. *(Reuter)*

Killer snows

Moscow: At least 17 people have died in snowfalls twice normal levels in Russia in the past week, 12 of them in Tatarstan and five in the Pacific Far East island of Sakhalin. *(AFP)*

Maori saluted

Wellington: New Zealand mourned the death of Dame Whina Cooper, its most revered Maori leader. MPs of all parties saluted the 98-year life of the fiery campaigner for Maori rights. *(Reuter)*

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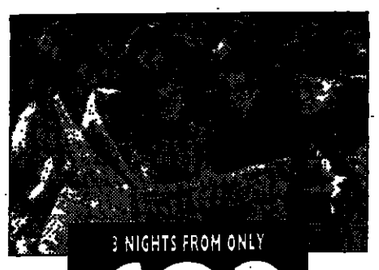
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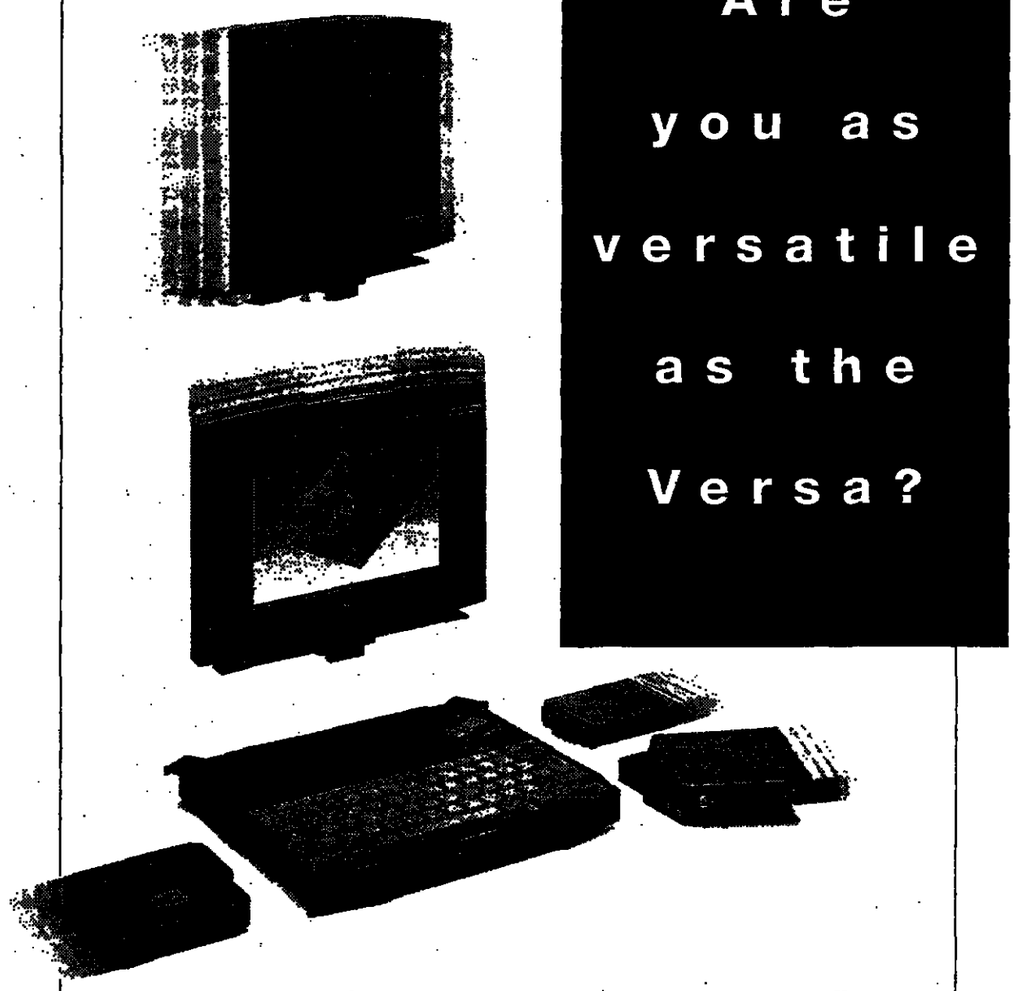
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Should killers rot in jail?

Not everyone agrees that life should sometimes mean life

God's view on the appropriate penalty for murder, certainly as set out in the Old Testament, is admirably clear. In Genesis 9:6, he comes right to the point: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed."

This is music to the ears of those who have suffered at the hands of terrorists or had members of their family gunned down by criminals. But it remains anathema to the liberal Establishment, which, even after 15 years of Conservative government, still dominates British penal policy.

Change, however, may be under way. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, prevented from restoring capital punishment, is seeking, through a proposed amendment to his Criminal Justice Bill, to ensure that the murderers of police officers or prison warders should never be released.

Lord Longford is appalled. "I view with grave disquiet", he told *The Times* yesterday, "any suggestion of any kind that life imprisonment should mean life. I don't think that anyone who makes such a suggestion has any real understanding of what many years in prison mean in terms of the suffering of the prisoner.

"Any such proposal is halfway to the return of capital punishment. I fully understand the public anxiety — which I share — about the number of policemen who have been killed. But once it is said that their killers can never come out, you are really crucifying them, and I don't believe that any society with any claims to be Christian should crucify prisoners."

A contrary view is taken by Lord Scarman. "A life sentence should mean a life sentence whatever the offence," he says. "Once Parliament has enacted legislation and a judge has passed sentence, the effect should be clear. I am not in favour of the system subsequently using interpretation inconsistent with the language in which the law is framed."

Lord Scarman agrees with Lord Longford that murderers should not be left to rot. "We must never deprive people of hope. Hope is a great reformer."

> 'Hope is a great reformer'

Yet the core of his argument remains that murder is a unique crime and must be subject to stringent punishment: "I sympathise with the Home Secretary. The killing of police offers, especially those in the exercise of their duty, is a heinous crime. Those responsible must think long and hard before considering the release of those convicted."

Lord Longford, who says he approves of severe penalties for the murder of police officers, is a patron of Myra Hindley, the convicted child killer. He has put down a question to the Home Office "as to whether anyone in Britain has been allowed to die in prison as a result of life meaning life". It is, he says, "contrary to established procedures for this to happen. Myra should not be a victim of such a covert policy."

Ordinary members of the public, still shocked by Hindley's crime 30 years on, as well as by the killing of police officers, must be forgiven by Lord Longford if they take a contrary view.

WALTER ELLIS

Julia Llewellyn Smith meets the woman who saved Fred Dibnah from himself

Taking steps with Fred

There are two types of television personality. The first is of the school of Bruce Forsyth, Noel Edmonds and Esther Rantzen — smart-suited, good with grannies and entirely professional. They are not born, one suspects, but manufactured in a BBC warehouse. The second consists of so-called ordinary people, "characters" such as Sister Wendy Beckett, Nanny Smith and Fred Housego, who speak their minds in the accents they were born with and defy make-up and wardrobe to airbrush them into shape.

No prizes for guessing in which category you'll find Fred Dibnah, a 55-year-old Bolton steeplejack. Mr Dibnah has old-fashioned views, keeps a steam engine in his back garden, sends tall northern chimneys crashing to the ground and has starred in 19 documentaries in 15 years.

He was discovered in 1979 by the BBC producer, Don Haworth, after he appeared on a local news programme about the restoration of Bolton town hall's clock. Mr Haworth's documentary, *Fred Dibnah: Steeplejack*, won two awards and was repeated three times. Mr Dibnah was a flat-capped relic of the dying North, a left-over from the days of brass bands and satanic mills, who lamented the decline of the empire. It was as if the Hovis advertisement had come to life.

The latest series, *Life with Fred*, ends a four-week run on BBC 2 on Thursday and sticks to the original formula. Fred Dibnah in 1979 had a square head on stocky shoulders and smiling eyes behind round glasses. He said things like "I realise that steam engines are not everyone's cup of tea, but they're what made England great" and shouted "I forgot to blow me hooter" as another chimney crumpled like a pack of cards. In 1994, he is, on celluloid at least, unchanged.

But Mr Dibnah is not quite such a creature of a bygone era as we might like him to be. He may have a steam engine in his garden shed, but inside the house there is a fax, an answer machine, a video and a burglar alarm. He has been through a 20th-century divorce from Alison — whom he now calls Joan Collins — which, he admits, left him a hard-drinking, chain-smoking wreck. He has no contact now with Alison, or their three daughters.



Fred Dibnah met his second wife, Sue, at a steam rally

He was rescued from a wretched single life by Sue, 20 years his junior, the mother of Jack, six, and Roger, two, who both show a promising interest in things mechanical. The couple met at a steam rally in 1986 and married the following year.

> 'Fred would play all day if he could — it's his empire'

Since then Sue, who is also his agent, has introduced Fred to take-out pizzas, *Coronation Street* — the most exciting thing was when he was mentioned on it — and gradually to "new man" activities, such as washing-up.

Sue once said that every marriage needed to strike a balance, and in their case it is 90:10 to Fred. This may be true when it comes to housework but when in terms of power the scales tip firmly in Sue's direction.

This is apparent from the moment the three of us sit down in the local pub. Sue asks Fred to get some drinks. "Can I have some money please, love?" he asks. "God knows what we'll end up drinking, he'll never remember," she says. Fred comes back, asking us to repeat our orders. "Without me, he'd drift off in his own sweet way, but we have a young family to think about," she says. "Fred would play all day if he was allowed. I'm far more business minded. He'd still be doing speeches for £10, without me, because he's too nice to say no."

"What would you do without her?" I ask Fred when he returns. In character, he looks embarrassed and stares into his pint. "I'm glad she came along," he says eventually.

Fred's friends should be glad as well, for the restraining influence Sue has on him. When she is there they chatter delightfully, picking up the ends of each other's sentences. When she leaves the room, his self-importance comes out and he launches into pointless anecdotes with no beginning, middle or, you fear, end. When she comes back, he giggles like a child, shouting "Here's bossyboots". You almost expect him to slip a stink bomb under her cushion.

She is unfazed by such behaviour, treating Fred much as she does her sons, with firm indulgence. This pretty, intelligent woman appears to love Fred for exactly the reasons the public do, because he is an amiable, overgrown schoolboy who does macho things like climb tall chimneys and has a back garden filled with bits of engines to tinker with. "He has his own empire there," says Sue, "and that is what every man would like."

Don Haworth, they think, has missed the secret of Fred's success. "He doesn't understand that people watch Fred because of the violence of the chimneys. They love watching them toppling down," says Sue, "but he fills his programmes with daffodils and twittering birds in the trees."

He also fills them with sequences in which Fred bangs on about the passing of Victorian values. Does Fred enjoy filming these? "Not really," he says cheerfully. "It's like being a bloody actor in a way. You stand where you are told to stand and talk about what they ask you."

Still, they both enjoy the low-key fame and meeting famous people. And the cash that comes in from Fred's after-dinner speeches is handy in the winter months when it is too windy to climb chimneys. But steeplejacking is what Fred did before the cameras arrived and will continue to do long after they have gone. "Being a celebrity's a bit of a bonus," confides Sue. "You're very lucky if you're doing something a bit weird and you get well known for it."

BARRY GREENWOOD



Despite the fame that television has given him, Fred still works as a steeplejack

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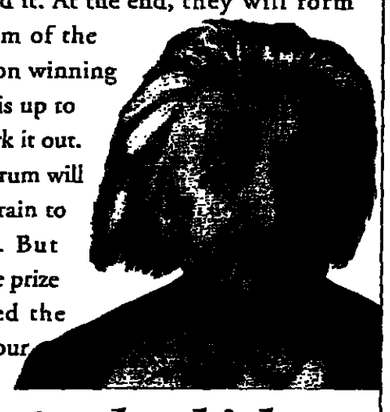
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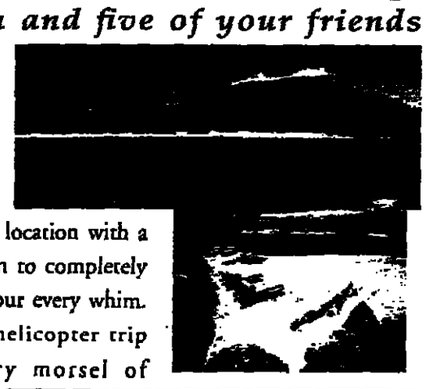
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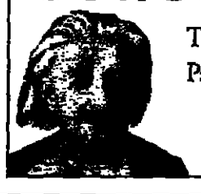
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Yesterday's Conundrum.

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TODAY'S CONUNDRUM



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5th letter.

That bird is British

The French attempt to extend their hunting season puts our migratory birds at risk

IT WAS bound to happen sooner or later. Subsidiarity would stop being an all-purpose bandage for British Euro-ills and would start stubbing the British toe. How odd that the agent for this transformation should be a little songbird common all over Europe. So common indeed is the blackbird that there is a name for it in every European tongue; nobody knows it by its unattractive Latin name, *Turdus merula*, and every country claims it as its own.

Hence the outcry over news that the French are using the subsidiarity argument to get clearance from the European Parliament to shoot "our" blackbirds when they are on their way "home" after a southern winter to build their nests in British gardens. Never mind that most blackbirds in this country don't migrate, or that the loss of a few who do poses no threat to the blackbird population overall, or, more importantly, that the French also want to shoot several migrants that are protected here because of their rarity: logical or no, it is not the fate of the whimbrel or the garganey that arouses the passions, but the thought of a blackbird that should be in its usual Sussex nesting place being in a French pot instead.

ALL THIS must be wearisome to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, for whom blackbirds and song thrushes are not a major consideration in the campaign against the French proposals. The RSPB's main point is that migrant birds belong to no country, and that this bit of political bait for the 1.6 million French voters in the European elections who also happen to be hunters "blows apart" the birds directive which accepts that principle. Though couched in somewhat vague terms, Article 7 of the directive states that national shooting seasons should stop before migrant birds set off for their breeding grounds.

John O'Sullivan, the RSPB's international treaties officer, would accept an element of subsidiarity in deciding dates, since different species move at different times according to local climate and conditions. For example, the RSPB has no quarrel with the fact that even within Britain you must stop shooting mallard by January 31 inland, yet you can go on until February 20 on the coast. In general, though, the RSPB argues that birds which have survived the winter are the fittest and should be allowed to go off and fulfil their Darwinian destiny by breeding, unhindered by any local extension of the hunting season.

In particular, conservationists and sportsmen alike are alarmed by some of the species that French hunters, whose attempts to extend the season for migrant birds have already been overturned three times by the European Court, have in their sights. They include quail, which



Curlew: target for French hunters

British sportsmen have not been allowed to shoot for some years because of their scarcity, and various other protected birds such as the oyster catcher, ruff, black-tailed godwit, golden plover, curlew (including the small whimbrel, named for its whimpering cry), redshank and greenshank, and the mallard-like garganey duck.

Even though garganey are so rare here (only 50 or so breeding pairs come over from France), the RSPB is anxious to demonstrate its reasonableness and freedom from silly nationalism by saying that it has no objection to the French shooting them until the end of January: what it objects to is extending the season.

It would be a pity if this row forced the European Commission, which neither knows nor ought to know much about birds, to start laying down the law with dozens of new dates for different birds in different places. Hunting regulations work best when underpinned by custom and practice, when law is reinforced by lore. We shoot relatively few bird species here, and the rules are generally well known and observed. Such is the consensus between hunters and conservationists in the British bird world that a few individuals have sat on the governing bodies of both the RSPB and the Game Conservancy.

THE Oxfordshire hostelry which offers rook pie as a forbidden delicacy may get a few townie takers more attracted by presumed illegality than edibility, but farmers with gun licences know perfectly well that they can go out and pot a rook or a crow at any time. (They wouldn't generally go so far as eating the things.) The same applies to pigeons and collared doves, to jackdaws, jays and magpies, starlings and sparrows, black-backed and herring gulls. You can shoot them, destroy their nests and eggs, do more or less what you like to control them.

The subsidiarity principle has worked pretty well so far in allowing European member states to draw up their own lists of local pest birds which can be controlled as vermin. Species are occasionally added or dropped according to their numbers and nuisance: I would probably be shot myself for doing now what we used to do legitimately when I was a child to control buzzards, and conversely the Queen is reputed to be quite keen on shooting members of the DoE's working party on Canada geese if they don't let her control them outside the currently prescribed season.

Personally, I'm with the Queen on this as on other matters of sovereignty, even though her ancestor Charles II was to blame for introducing the species in the first place. When those blasted geese land on my handkerchief of lawn for a rest while commuting between Regent's Park and Buckingham Palace, it's as though seven Concordes have converged on a helipad. Besides, they frighten the blackbirds.

MARGOT NORMAN

If you want to live after a bad accident, try to have it on a weekday morning. **Aileen Ballantyne** reports

Timing of life and death


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Your treatment during the first "golden hour" after a life-threatening injury determines not only whether you will live or die, but the level of complications you will suffer

The shortcomings of the NHS and its long waiting lists are well recognised — but many of us, if pressed, would still say: "If I was knocked over by a bus or in a serious car crash I know I would get better care in Britain than anywhere else in the world." But the evidence suggests that this comforting thought is no longer justified.

If you have an accident late at night or at the weekend — prime time for serious car crashes — you will of course be rushed by ambulance to the nearest accident and emergency department. Before about 10pm there would probably be a senior registrar on duty. But after that time, most of these units are staffed only by senior house officers in their mid twenties, who will have a few months' experience of accident and emergency work.

This is because Britain traditionally maintains a large number of accident and emergency centres, each led by a consultant who, naturally, cannot be on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. So this pattern — of the most serious cases being dealt with by the most inexperienced doctors — is common throughout the country.

Miles Irving, professor of surgery at Manchester University, who chaired the working party for the Royal College of Surgeons' 1988 report on the Management of Patients with Major Injuries, highlights one specific way in which the lack of experienced trauma doctors available on site immediately could cost you your life.

"If you suffer a ruptured liver as a result of a car crash you need to be in an operating theatre within 20 minutes," he says. "This is an injury that can kill you, therefore you really need to be operated on by a surgeon with experience in the management of such injuries — there is no point in having a surgeon who sees only one ruptured liver every six months."

The working party report found that the lives of up to one in three of the 5,000 people in Britain who die as a result of accidents could have been saved. They made a study of 1,000 deaths resulting from accident, and asked four experienced independent medical assessors to look retrospectively at 514 of these 1,000 cases in which the victims arrived alive at hospital, but died later. The assessors estimated that about 30 per cent of the patients who died could have been saved if there had been speedy and skilled intervention. One of the main causes of unnecessary death was undetected internal bleeding.

Since the report was published Professor Irving says there have been improvements based on its recommendations, particularly in the more specialised training in resuscitation techniques of all doctors dealing with accident and emegency patients. However, no firm action has yet been taken on the main recommendation — to set up about 25 major trauma centres throughout Britain, with a wide range of senior specialist staff available, from neurosurgeons to orthopaedic surgeons.

A pilot centre along the recommended lines was set up in 1990 at the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary in Stoke, with £3.5 million in government funds. Its work is being compared with other large centres nearby, and the results are due to be published within the next few months. A similar service is offered by a handful of other hospitals, including the John Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford and the Royal London Hospital in east London.

Consultants in many different specialities must be available immediately an emergency patient is admitted, because time is the crucial factor. Professor Irving emphasises that there is a "golden hour" after a life-threatening injury. Your treatment during that hour determines not only whether you will live or die, but the level of complications you will suffer.

"Time and time again it has been shown that it is better to get to a well-prepared, well-equipped hospital staffed by experienced accident and emergency doctors in half an hour, than to get to an ill-prepared, ill-equipped hospital without such staff within ten minutes," he says.

At the North Staffordshire, much of the government funding is being used to provide the additional consultants required for 24-hour on-site cover. One of those, Mr Ivan Phair, consultant in accident and emergency medicine and senior clinical lecturer in accident and emergency medicine at Keele University, describes himself as a "shop floor" consultant.

His hands-on approach, shown vividly in a BBC *QED* documentary to be shown tomorrow night, belies the traditional image of the detached consultant who has reached a level where he can work "civilised" hours. He is convinced he would be unable to do the job "on call" from home. Although he admits that working shifts is exhausting, and something he would prefer not to be doing in his fifties and sixties, he argues strongly that it is the only way to deal effectively with seriously ill accident victims.

"Anyone who says they can do this job on call from home is talking rubbish," he says. "I'm trained to be an expert in resuscitation."

He stresses that the whole point of specialised trauma centres is that anyone whose life is in danger is treated by the most experienced people the minute they come through the door. "Life is precious — the NHS exists to save lives. Basically, what we are saying to a district general hospital accident and emergency departments is that they should not be looking after very seriously injured people, because they are not doing it very well."

Another of the shift-working consultants on the pilot project, Dr Anthony Redmond, consultant in emergency medicine and senior lecturer in emergency and disaster medicine at Keele University, points out that working in an accident and emergency department is the first unsupervised job a recently qualified doctor does as a six-month posting.

As a result, he argues, there are two particularly ill-fated times to be treated at most accident and emergency departments in Britain — February 1 and August 1, because that is when "all the house officer staff change over throughout all the casualty departments in the country", he says.

Although in theory a consultant is on call in a supervisory role in most hospitals, the practice is that in a hospital seeing thousands of casualties a year, the senior house officer cannot ask advice on every case. In common with many senior accident and emergency specialists, Dr Redmond points out that knowing when you need to ask for advice is often something that can only come from experience.

The Medical Defence Union (MDU), which provides indemnity for doctors, says one of the main sources of complaints against its members are accident and emergency departments. Missed fractures, and missed metal objects embedded deep in an eye where the injury looks only superficial, are extremely common. In the latter case the resulting damage to the retina can result in blindness.

Better accident and emergency services in Britain are in everyone's interests, rich and poor alike. No amount of private health insurance will help you in that crucial first hour after a heart attack or car accident. Already in some parts of the United States, only hospitals which can prove they will treat seriously injured accident victims to a certain standard are allowed to admit them. The MDU, and many senior British accident and emergency doctors, would like to see the same system operating in Britain.

More young men under the age of 35 die from accidental injury than from any other cause. It is, as Professor Irving points out, the "last plague of the young".

Five years after the report which showed that one in three such deaths could be prevented, perhaps it is time we started changing a system which allows such unnecessary deaths to continue.

● *Trauma is the subject of* QED *on BBC1 tomorrow at 9.30pm.*

WHEN NOT TO HAVE AN ACCIDENT

● After 10pm or at a weekend any time — when casualty is likely to be in the hands of an inexperienced senior house officer, while the consultant is on call from home

● In early February or early August — when throughout the country all the recently qualified house staff change over after their six-month posting in accident and emergency

Recent results suggest psychological studies are not what they used to be

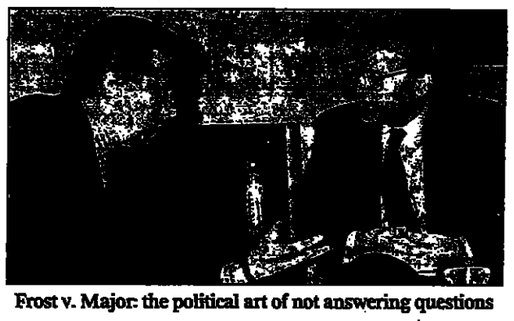
A shrinking feeling

A useful rule of thumb for reporters covering scientific conferences is the "blindingly obvious" test. If the findings of a study would seem transparent to the average 12-year-old then, on balance, they will not be worth reporting.

This test, applied last week at the annual meeting of the British Psychological Association in Brighton, yielded a bumper harvest. One paper explained how worry contributes to the maintenance of anxiety. Another attempted to distinguish fearful from self-conscious shyness. A third found that boys who play computer games make friends with other boys who play computer games.

After a particularly gruelling session in which a professor of psychology who had examined lonely hearts ads offered reporters "a set of hypotheses on human choice that derive from evolutionary theory", and concluded that what most women want is a handsome, affluent male, the representative of *The Guardian*, a level-headed reporter with a keen nose for hokum, dropped to his knees and was seen to sink his teeth into the carpet.

Many papers seemed to redescribe familiar experiences in unfamiliar language. One which was unusually jargon-free, entitled "Why politicians are three-faced", wondered why it is that MPs interviewed on television have a habit of not answering the question. It concluded that they wanted to avoid getting into hot water.


Frost v. Major: the political art of not answering questions

The art of politics is not making mistakes, it said, and the MP who can protect the three faces — his party, his political allies and himself — when under fire, can be accounted a successful politician. By the same token, TV interviewers such as Jeremy Paxman and David Frost who ask face-threatening questions can be accounted successful interviewers.

Asked if this wasn't obvious, the paper's author, Dr Peter Bull of York University, said the notion of the three faces which can be threatened provided a definition of the "tough" question and a way of assessing the performance of television interviewers and politicians. For a moment, the faces of reporters brightened — until he admitted that *that* work has still to be done.

Other papers stretched the bounds of credibility. Professor Henry Roediger from Rice University, Texas, described some interesting studies of mis-remembering. When given a list of words associated with the word needle — thread, eye, pin, haystack, injection — which does not actually contain the key word, more than 60 per cent of people will confidently claim to remember "needle" when asked to recall the list.

However, Professor Roediger then executed a remarkable leap from this laboratory observation by offering it as an explanation for the epidemic of cases in America in which patients in therapy are claiming to remember being abused by their parents. "It is a big leap", he said, "but it does identify a plausible mechanism for the way people have memories of events that never happened."

On the evidence of this conference, psychological research is producing extremely thin pickings. Most psychologists are fiddling with marginal problems while those tackling major issues seem unequal to the task.

Perhaps the bravest man at Brighton this year was Dr Rob Briner of Birkbeck College, University of London. He presented a paper which, if right, demolished the offerings of most of his colleagues. He argued that stress is a trivial concept that explains nothing, of use only to advertisers, Chinese herbal practitioners and psychologists.

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Should you be on drugs?

Taking patients off sleeping pills is not as difficult as once thought

MOST mornings, GPs' surgeries do a brisk trade in repeat prescriptions. Often these are for drugs in the benzodiazepines group — sleeping pills such as Mogadon and temazepam and the tranquillisers Valium and Librium. About 16 million prescriptions for these drugs were issued in 1992 at a cost to the NHS of about £14 million.

Most research has concentrated on how to deal with the high profile addiction and abuse of these drugs. In 1989, Dr Margaret Cormack, a specialist in this field, published the result of a small study which suggested that a simple GP's letter could help ordinary patients to cut down on their use of these drugs. Three practices in the West Country recently decided to try out this approach.

First we identified more than 200 patients who could be defined as "chronic" benzodiazepine users. The duration of continuous use ranged from one to 29 years, and averaged nine years.

Because we felt that one letter might not be enough, we compared its effectiveness with a letter plus a follow-up of four information packs at monthly intervals. We also had a control group who received neither.

We found that the patients who received just the one letter, or the letter plus information packs, reduced their consumption by about one third. There was no significant difference between the two. About one fifth of all those targeted stopped their medication completely. Overall, about 50 per cent of the patients in the two groups halved their consumption. The response of the elderly patients, in whom we were particularly interested, was at least as positive as that of the younger people. Very few reported problems cutting down or stopping.

Why shouldn't this experiment be tried nationwide? Each of the 35,700 GPs in the country has about 50 such chronic users registered. We calculate the outlay would be just under £1 million — but this safe and effective strategy could reduce the morbidity associated with these drugs and save £4.5 million.

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The Prime Minister has mishandled the European Community voting dispute, and left himself badly exposed

Impaled on the horns of the Euro-dilemma

John Major has been damaged whatever the Cabinet decides this morning. He has turned what were always going to be awkward negotiations over European enlargement and voting rights into a high risk confrontation — which he could not win. He faces the dilemma of every poker player without four aces. He has raised the stakes and is now being called.

The odds last night were that the Cabinet would probably, and with rumbling reluctance from some ministers, back the compromise presented to Douglas Hurd over the weekend. Most senior ministers accept his view that it is difficult to imagine further progress being achieved by yet another meeting of foreign ministers. Their ingenuity has been exhausted. But — and it is a vital proviso — the Brussels Commission must offer some assurances about limiting future social and employment directives. It will be a difficult package to sell to the Cabinet, let alone to suspicious MPs.

The issue itself could not be avoided. Without a change in voting rights, the enlargement of the EU to include four new members would have raised to 37 (rather than 27, or the present 23) the number of votes required for a blocking minority on the council of ministers. Hence there had to be some alteration. But the discussions did not have to turn into such a publicly divisive dispute.

The proposal on the table from the Greek presidency is the type of bargain often produced by European discussions: a transitional arrangement until a full review of voting procedures at the intergovernmental conference in two years' time. Meanwhile, there will be a binding formula to allow time for further debate on contentious issues, and the possibility of legal action in the European Court, perhaps even invoking the "Luxembourg compromise" to insist on grounds of vital national interest. There are, of course, loopholes and ambiguities about, such as the length of a "reasonable" time, and the question of the neutrality of the European Court. If that were all, however, it would be relatively straightforward to conclude and sell a deal. The Euro-sceptics would complain, but they always do. The Opposition would talk about climbdowns. But the bulk of the Tory Party would accept that Mr Major and Mr Hurd had done their best and that it was time to settle.

But the dispute is much more complicated. Differences over voting rights are only a symptom of deeper Government unease about the direction the EU is taking, particularly the proposed new employment directives. These threaten to add to already high labour costs and make Europe even less competitive with America and Asia. This is why at the key Cabinet discussion on March 17, the Euro-sceptics were relatively quiet and the lead in urging a tough line was taken by usually pro-European ministers such as Kenneth Clarke and David Hunt, who have been most involved in discussions on these matters. They and Mr Major are angry that the Commission has tried to undermine Britain's opt-out from the social chapter by using the health and safety provisions of the single market legislation to propose such directives. These are decided by qualified majority voting, the point at issue now. Hence if Brussels does, as expected, provide some reassurance today that the health and safety provisions will not be used for wider ranging social and employment legislation, a key group of ministers including Mr Clarke and Mr Hunt will back the deal.

> The dispute is the worst possible start for the election campaigns after Easter

Mr Major undoubtedly feels strongly on these and other points. He uses strong language and has been banging the Cabinet table to underline his points. Anyone who has spoken to him recently has been left in no doubt about his irritation at the behaviour of other countries on these social proposals as well on voting rights, or about his resentment at Britain being presented as anti-European while countries such as France and Italy press their national interests with impunity.

Yet Mr Major's anger and frustration have turned into a trap. Paradoxically, this is partly because of his desire to be as unlike his predecessor as possible. Baroness Thatcher talked tough in European negotiations, but then usually backed down after being persuaded to compromise her various Foreign Secretaries. Yet her own reputation did not suffer. Mr Major is determined both to talk and to act firmly. He talks with mock, and at times bitter, irony about his "wimpish" image, and then points to his resolution in pushing through the Maastricht bill against strong party opposition, when the easier course might have been to abandon it after the first Danish referendum.

Mr Major can claim a consistency of general goals. What matters is the tone adopted in public statements. His desire to appear personally strong leads him to present issues in excessively stark terms. His uncompromising language a week ago in the Commons raised expectations among Tories which were bound to be disappointed. While Mr Major did not want to weaken Mr Hurd's negotiating hand, his anti-Brussels rhetoric was bound to complicate the task of selling any package, while alienating other countries and making it more difficult to achieve Britain's European aims. Mr Major's words also appeared to align him with the Euro-sceptics, and so seem inconsistent with his pledge three years ago to put Britain at "the very heart of Europe". The differences in rhetoric and tone — and the contrast with the language used by Mr Hurd — are the cause of his difficulties.

The immediate challenge for Mr Major is in Cabinet. He was seeing individual members yesterday afternoon and evening. He likes to regard himself as a subtle coaxer of his Cabinet, achieving his ends by quiet manoeuvring rather than with the flying handbag. He is more skilful at such chairmanship than his critics generally admit. He is careful to ensure that all ministers have a say and are therefore committed to the conclusions. This prevented any resignations over the tortuous Maastricht saga, and should do so again now. Friends of one prominent Euro-sceptic minister were hinting last week at resignation, but ministers are now expected only to express their reservations and bide their time for later battles over the direction of the party, either in government or in Opposition.

Even if the Cabinet backs the package this morning, that will not be the end of Mr Major's troubles. He is likely to have a rough ride in the Commons this afternoon. However, the parliamentary party does not appear in the mood to return to the battles of Maastricht, though the wounds of those engagements have not healed. The Euro-sceptics are reluctant to rock the boat too much before the local and European elections, for fear of being blamed for the likely big Tory loses. But they will not forget.

The dispute is the worst possible start for the election campaigns after Easter. It has raised fears — which Mr Major vehemently denies — that the Tories will fight a negative anti-Brussels campaign in the Euro-elections, like the one that was so disastrous for them in 1989. It has also emphasised divisions within the party and made Mr Major appear vacillating, however consistent he claims to have been. This makes him more vulnerable over the next few months, especially if the elections go badly.

By contrast, his obvious potential successors are unscathed. While Mr Clarke has clumsily mishandled the presentation of next month's tax rises, he has escaped blame for the European dispute; and Michael Heseltine has played the knight in shining armour to perfection, emphasising his credentials as a stirring orator and appealing to the radical right. Mr Hurd yesterday also underlined his position as the long-suffering elder statesman of the Cabinet, trying to get the best deal for Britain.

Mr Major will survive this, and probably the summer elections. But he will pay dearly for his mishandling.



"YOU PASSED ON TWENTY-SEVEN..."

Was it really all in vain?

The evil empire is no more, so why are former Soviet countries voting communist?

Bernard Levin

Let me begin by borrowing a few paragraphs from an excellent article by Jean Rafferty in the *Mail on Sunday*'s magazine, "Night & Day".

> What price a child? What would *you* give for little Elena, her eyes black in her white face, her gaze solemn? Would you say she's worth hundreds, thousands? Or is she priceless, a child whose love you can't measure?
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> In Moscow, she's worth about the price of a room. That's what she was battered almost to death for . . . That's what her grandmother was killed for and her mother, too . . . The child doesn't know how her mother and grandmother died . . . An old boyfriend of the mother offered to buy their flat . . . They drove out with him for a walk in the forest, a walk that was to end with the two women dead and Elena left battered and bloody . . . Murder for the sake of bricks and mortar is peculiar to the capital . . . In Moscow even a studio flat can be worth £20,000 . . . There is no shortage of people willing to exploit or even kill the vulnerable for the sake of their flats. Sometimes criminals masquerading as little companies tell them they will be cared for until they die, in return for bequeathing them the papers to their flats. Then they are promptly abandoned or worse . . . The homeless cannot survive on the ice-blown streets.

War alles falsch? I think those were the words of the Kaiser (if they weren't they *should* have been), as he went into exile still arguing that he must have done *something* well. I feel something of the same sadness. For much more than 30 years I recorded and denounced the evils of totalitarian rule, the centre of which was the Soviet empire — and empire it was, until it crumbled almost overnight, when one brave man said that *this* cannot and shall not be — and lo! it ceased to be.

Those were heady days. Year after year I battered my head against the walls of wickedness: you can see the bruises clearly, however I brush my hair. I could not count the number of individuals whose suffering I wrote about — it must certainly have been hundreds. The suffering was experienced not only by those heroic figures who spoke out or took action against the evil empire, but by ordinary men and women who had fallen foul of the guardians of the evil for wholly domestic reasons. I can remember how people rejoiced when Khruschev took the reins, only to see him galloping over the dead of the Hungarian Revolution. (And not only over the dead. When some of the leaders of the uprising took sanctuary in Western embassies, Khruschev announced that if they would come out they would not be touched, but could emigrate. They believed him, emerged, and of course he had them murdered on the spot.)

From then on, I knew who the enemy was. Of course, I could do nothing significant to help the dissidents, but the one tiny power I did have was to keep the suffering from believing that they had been abandoned. It was not long before I learnt that this was indeed their greatest fear; even ruthless and brutal imprisonment was less feared than the terrible thought that the victims were forgotten. (The enemy, of course, played upon exactly this dread, telling the prisoners that their friends outside had abandoned them.)

The dissidents had one great weapon, however, the use of which I believed, and still believe, would in time have destroyed the Soviet empire even if Brezhnev and his like had been immortal. It was called *samizdat*, and with that gigantically explosive weapon, which would never make a loud bang or need to, the resisters realised that they had the upper hand. In no time, there sprang up a network of ordinary, brave individuals, passing on instantly the latest true news, the latest description of the latest weak link and the way to hit it, the latest savage joke against the regime, the latest books asked for from outside, the latest wink as they saw the books coming in carried by an apparently harmless sightseer, and finally reading down the latest roll-call of their helpers in the free world.

Then came Exodus; the refuseniks. These made a savage poisoned thorn — a whole tree of savage poisoned thorns — for the authorities. They did not, as the earlier, immeasurably brave, dissidents did, defy or even denounce the regime as a criminal conspiracy against democracy. On the contrary, the refuseniks, mostly Jews, said that they had no quarrel with Brezhnev and his country but nevertheless wanted to go away and live in another one.

The fight that that led to was the best of all. The fellow-travellers (I shall come to them in time, be sure) could argue, or anyway did argue, that the dissidents should be silenced because — well, I can't remember what they said in defence of an empire that was nothing but a billion or so helots — but the refuseniks put the wind up the camp-followers, because the refuseniks were organised, numerous and profoundly peaceful; their plea was not, as it was in my mouth, "Down with communism", but "Let my people go".

Moreover, they were careful not to get angry, let alone abuse their tormentors; they had me to do that. The thoroughness with which the work was done can be seen in one tiny detail; whenever a refusenik was released and left the Soviet Union, a polite, grateful and thankful letter went off to the office in the Soviet Union which dealt with refuseniks, from the "35s", so called because the organisation began with 35 ladies. But at the same time, *my* job was to keep the evil in view and to make clear to the indifferent that no man is an island; week after week, I redoubled my attacks on the brutes who couldn't think of any good reason for keeping in those who wished to go. That, I think, was the best fight of them all.

Enough of this remembrance of things past. The Soviet Union fell; its empire dissolved; a new era opened. Opened, that is, on another world: one which demands the equivalent of £20,000 for the tiniest flat with no private bathroom, in a city where average earnings are but £67 a month, and which can literally murder to get one. A world which can elect mad and wicked buffoons like Zhirinovsky. And one which sees two parts of the former country at war — real war. And one which is at least as anti-Semitic as the worst since Stalin, so that another exodus may yet be needed. And one which breeds despair, all too well-based.

War alles falsch? Did I, did the dear untiring ladies, optimists every one, waste all that time and energy, only to see the filthy ghosts of Brezhnev and his kind go by, laughing? I shiver when I hear, from visitors to the former Soviet Union, that the sentiment they hear most frequently is a yearning to go back to the days before *perestroika* — indeed, many of the republics vote that way. Imagine the ladies and me waking up and realising that it really is happening — countless freed men and women are voting to put the communists back into power. (Yes, the communists assure them that they are *reformed* communists and would never do anything unkind, much less anything against the law. The noise you hear is that of the elected communists laughing.)

It is understandable; when the Soviet Union disappeared, there was a breath let out such as not the greatest gale in the world could muster. The former Soviet colonies made haste to end the trauma, with varying success; they all had, it is true, one great asset — their hatred for the occupying force, a hatred so powerful that its flame had never ceased to burn. It was therefore easy to see how the energies of hatred might quickly become dynamos of rebuilding. But no such vista filled the landscape of what had been the Soviet Union. Think: when Gorbachev pressed the button, anyone who had been of age before Lenin's conquest had to be more than 90 years old. How can you build when you don't know what a brick is because your rulers have never let you see one?

Patience: but that is the one thing the freed helots cannot find in themselves, and who should blame them? Imagine the heavens opening for these people, opening with armfuls of sunshine, bushels of warmth, showers of ambrosial foodstuffs, together with casks of nectar — and then imagine all these snatched away from them before they could get near. Would they — would you — would anyone — feel anything but implacable despair?

The dear ladies with whom I worked, when they read this, will try to lift my spirits. It will tax even them, I fear. *War alles falsch?*

Not cashiered

CAN no one rid John Major of that most turbulent of Euro-sceptics? Apparently not. Bill Cash, the MP who cannot bring himself to utter the words "European Union", looks here to stay, after a successful appeal to the Boundary Commission.

Cash's victory (so successful, it seems, that he now has the choice of two safe-looking seats) is likely to infuriate those senior Tories who had hoped the commission's proposals would succeed where the PM has so far failed.

Under the original plans to carve up his Stafford constituency, Cash was indeed in trouble. But no longer. Following his appeal, the commission has added the predominantly "blue" villages of Great and Little Haywood to the constituency. To add to his relief, the coal mining area of Huntington, with decidedly pinker residents, has been shifted out of the constituency.

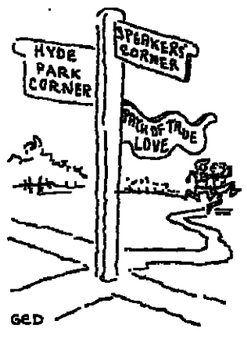
If all this were not reassuring enough, Cash could switch his attention to the county's new constituency of Stone. But Desmond Trigg, Cash's new constituency chairman in Stafford, hopes his man stays put. "Despite his high profile in the media, he comes here a lot and he has equal loyalty from people in both parts of the existing constituency. We certainly do not want to get rid of him. But the changes are going to cause disruption whatever he does." Nothing new for Mr Cash.

● *John Major may not be in the jolliest of moods as he wakes up on his 51st birthday this morning. The "highlight" of his day will be a "celebratory" Cabinet at which will be taken the decision — crucial to his premiership — on EU voting rights. Nor will there be much relief later, when he is due to have a close encounter with Lord Tebbit, who celebrates his 63rd birthday today. Beryl Goldsmith, Tebbit's formidable assistant, predicts: "He'll be in the peers' gallery in the Commons to hear Prime Minister's question time and any statement on the European situation."*

Loving a lord

A PALL of female disappointment hangs over Westminster after news that the tall but perfectly formed South African peer Lord St John of Bletso (dubbed the Lords' most eligible bachelor) is at last betrothed, to the equally glamorous Helen Westlake.

The announcement, however, comes not through the usual "forthcoming marriages" columns, but in the latest issue of *The House* magazine, Parliament's weekly journal. Westlake, a gynaecologist, has been St John's escort for the past year, loyally accompanying him to the many parliamentary sporting events (swimming, rugby, golf and skiing to name a mere four) at which the athletic peer so excels. But the jogging track of true love has not been completely smooth. "Almost 37 years of being a confirmed bachelor have come to an end," gurgles a gooey 21st Baron. "I am reticent to admit that it was third time of asking — third time lucky." The happy couple are clearly starting as they mean to go on: they celebrated the engagement with a four mile run around Hyde Park.



● *A nervous moment as Tony Benn brandished his ever-present tape recorder on yesterday morning's* Start the Week *programme on Radio 4. For once, however, it was not the detection of bias that the machine's appearance heralded, but the miracle of birth. When Benn switched it machine on, the airwaves crackled to the wailing of his eighth grandchild, Melissa, born just a few hours earlier. "I thought I would celebrate her birth by playing her first broadcast," he said.*

Apply charm

STRAIGHT OFF a plane from Malaysia, where he has been filming another series of *Whicker's World*, the peripatetic Alan Whicker was yesterday to be found lending support to his old friend Joan Collins at the launch of her fitness video. Quite a change from his own efforts to repair Anglo-Malaysian relations by breakfasting with Prime Minister Mahathir.

While out East, Whicker learnt of an even graver crisis to face Malaysia last week — the threatened cancellation of a private Luciano Pavarotti concert in honour of the Malaysian Prime Minister, members of the Malaysian royal family and assorted government officials.

"Pavarotti's doctor told me that the great man was dubious about singing that night, as he had a very sore throat. However, the doctor presented him with a crucifix and some tablets, and told him he could go ahead, because now he had both faith and medicine with him. It seemed to do the trick: he gave a great performance."

● *The success of* Shadowlands *seems to have brought a step closer Lord Attenborough's cherished ambition to make a film about the life of Thomas Paine. So when exactly will this hero of 18th-century radical England hit the silver screen? "We have a script written, but it's hugely expensive," says Diana Hawkins, co-producer of* Shadowlands. *"We have to get in the War of Independence and the French Revolution. Richard is determined to make it before he pops his clogs, but we'll need another box office hit."*





Not closed: just resting

WITH the 1994 Olivier Awards looming on April 17, it has not gone unnoticed that the two productions shortlisted for Best Musical are not actually running at present. *Sunset Boulevard* closed for extensive alterations earlier this month, while the much-praised *City of Angels* ended its sadly-abbreviated run in November. But all is very far from lost. *Sunset Boulevard* reopens at the the Adelphi on April 7, with an entirely new cast headed by Betty Buckley (*left*). And according to lyricist Dom Black, it's better than ever. "It's just a shame that it can't be judged now that we've honed and polished it."

And there is a hint of good news too for *City of Angels*, whose star Haydn Gwynne (*right*) is nominated for Best Actress in a Musical. The show's American producers are both planning to come over for the awards, amid talk of a revival. Co-producer Roger Berlind is optimistic. "It is definitely subject to revival in the future. I think it could do very well. We'll not allow it to fall by the wayside." Time, and perhaps Olivier, will tell.

REJECT THE DEAL

Defeat in Greece cannot be dressed as victory in Europe

However shiny the gloss on the compromise offered by Greece on EC voting, the substance of the proposal seems to be anything but a victory for Britain. Yesterday Douglas Hurd appeared to be preparing his party for acceptance of the deal. This morning's Cabinet should remind him firmly that such a move would be in the best interests neither of the country nor of the Government.

Mr Hurd proudly hailed Sunday's undertaking by Britain's European partners that the inter-governmental conference in 1996 will review the question of qualified majority voting. This is nothing new; there was never any doubt that it would be on the agenda. He boasted in the Commons yesterday that Britain "retains the right to continue discussions indefinitely where vital national interests are at stake". That is technically true, but has always been true. Any country that believes its vital national interests are at stake has always been free to invoke the Luxembourg compromise and veto legislation. But it is a solution that can be used only in the most exceptional circumstances.

The "victory" that Britain has won seems to be slight at best. To take an example, suppose that the directive on banning tobacco advertising were reintroduced to the Council of Ministers after the new countries joined. At the moment, it is blocked by Britain, Germany and The Netherlands, making up 25 votes. If all four new members were to back the ban (and indications are that they would), they could push for a new vote, after a "reasonable" delay, say three months. Britain could not possibly invoke the Luxembourg compromise on this issue; nobody could claim that its vital national interests were at stake. It could appeal to the European Court of Justice on the ground that the delay was unreasonably short. But, given that the ban has been discussed for years and all parties have had ample opportunity to put their case, it is unlikely that the court would find in Britain's favour.

Britain would be wrong to assume that the four new members would necessarily prove useful allies. In social and employment legislation, they are far more interventionist. They would vote for tougher environmental restrictions. They already subsidise their farmers by more than the common agricultural policy dictates. They are happy to accept economic and monetary union. They would side with Britain on matters such as common defence, foreign policy and immigration, but these are all decided unanimously anyway. True, they would be net contributors to the EC budget; but this gain should be weighed against the potentially very heavy loss to Britain's sovereignty of accepting the new blocking minority.

Since the ratification of Maastricht, the Prime Minister has rallied his party and the country behind the idea that this treaty would be the high water mark of European integration. Those Tory MPs who voted reluctantly for Maastricht did so because they believed his claim that Europe was moving Britain's way. While today's politicians are in charge in Europe's capitals, this movement will take place only with an immense tug from this country. Backing down at the first offer of a compromise, however ephemeral the concessions, does not amount to a serious exertion of pulling-power.

Mr Major has already asserted that he is prepared to delay enlargement. He can safely ignore the deadlines and ultimatums that were being tossed around at the weekend. The four new countries do not need to join by January of next year, and a little delay would concentrate the minds of other member states. If they really want enlargement, they should be able to concede more to Britain for the short period up to 1996. There must still be a chance of a better deal. If the Prime Minister does not attempt to get it, he will rue the day.

BLOOD IN JOHANNESBURG

How many more warnings does Buthelezi need?

The blood in the streets of central Johannesburg has shocked South Africa. In a country inured to violence — often of gruesome proportions — yesterday's toll of 16 Zulu deaths was unremarkable. At least 55 people were killed during the weekend in Natal and KwaZulu alone. But the site of the killings — the commercial heart of the country's most important city — will have brought home to many the starkness of the calamity facing South Africa if an accord is not reached within days with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

De Villiers Street in Johannesburg is not the parched and remote fiefdom of Bophuthatswana, viewed "from afar" on television screens; nor is it the East Rand. But for four hours yesterday it joined those benighted places, a casualty of the mounting violence that menaces South Africa's impending transition to a non-racial democracy and universal suffrage. The details are, as yet, imprecise: but independent observers agree that the march past the headquarters of the African National Congress (ANC) by supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) — armed with traditional weapons as well as automatic ones — was blatantly provocative. And it stands in unflattering contrast to last week's march through Durban, entirely pacific in its execution, by several thousand Zulu supporters of the ANC. They marched to demand the right to free political activity, denied them in the IFP heartland. Yesterday's march in Johannesburg, on the other hand, was fuelled by motives less laudable.

President de Klerk, vigorously critical of the marchers' intentions, said yesterday that the time had come for the urgent consideration of "additional measures or steps which can prevent a repetition" of the mayhem in central Johannesburg. No time must be wasted in the implementation of these measures. Steps must be taken to ensure that demonstrators are unarmed. And elementary public order precautions — a fact of life even in comparatively peaceful Britain — must be taken: marches and processions must have their routes strictly prescribed and enforced. There is evidence that the police — who emerge with no credit — were less than wholehearted in their corralling of the marchers in this instance. And disturbingly, it appears that there was little or no police protection at the ANC headquarters.

Radical steps are needed: the declaration of a state of emergency in large areas of the country would find widespread support among ordinary "war-weary" people. The ANC chairman, Thabo Mbeki, has mooted just such a measure. Internment and preventive detention — although a highly sensitive issue in South Africa — might also be considered. This is not the time for its government to be squeamish. As Mr Mbeki said: "If they are necessary to ensure that the elections take place, all measures need to be considered."

The position of the IFP and Chief Buthelezi will be hit hardest of all, even though the Chief denies that the march had the party's official sanction. If the folly of his position — the adamantine boycott of the elections — is not now clear to him, it will never be. A summit meeting, between the government, the ANC and the Zulu heavyweights, is due to take place later this week. All parties must ensure that events in Johannesburg do not derail that meeting. It may be South Africa's last chance for peace.

DIESEL WORDS

When safer fuels are not quite what they seemed

The debate on clean air is now being conducted in Britain more vigorously than anywhere in Europe. It has been sharpened by figures presented at a conference yesterday suggesting that up to 10,000 people a year are killed in England and Wales by exhaust fumes. The culprits are diesel engines, especially buses and lorries. But it is not only smoke from ill-maintained vehicles that poison pedestrians; even the cleanest engines emit a miasma of minute and deadly "particulates".

Doctors suspect that these tiny particulates, known as PM10 because each is less than 10 micrometres across, are the most worrying of the cocktail of pollutants pumped out by road traffic. They carry damaging chemicals deep into the lungs. And although the government-sponsored Committee on Medical Effects of Air Pollutants sees a convincing correlation between mortality and PM10, Britain has set no limit for acceptable emission levels. Diesel engines account for two-thirds of all PM10 particulates.

The research comes as a shock to green-thinking car owners in Europe who supported a switch to diesel engines. Diesels use less fuel to travel the same distance, and thus emit less carbon dioxide. To those worried about global warming, this is a strong argument in their favour. But in America, where the confrontation between man and car is more naked and political, it is the immediate damage to health that galvanises political action, not long-term concern for the globe. There, diesel is "the villain". So tough are new regulations aimed at encouraging zero-emission vehicles — those that can run on methanol, liquefied or compressed natural gas and even hydrogen — that manufacturers are phasing out diesels altogether because the cost of anti-pollution gadgets and filters is prohibitive.

What the debate has underlined is the unenviable choice now facing governments: a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions or in noxious exhaust fumes. Until recently pledges to cut greenhouse gases were compatible with ever-increasing traffic volumes because of continued improvements in engine technology. But a limit has now been reached. More cars on the road, petrol or diesel, will mean more pollution and higher carbon dioxide levels. The only way to cut back both will be to limit car use.

At present more nearly all vehicles run on oil-derived fuel. So combating air pollution must concentrate first on ensuring that engines are clean. That means much tougher measures against grossly polluting cars. Police should set up spot checks like those for drunk driving. Fines should be steeper. The "pollution gun", analagous to a speed gun, must be a weapon of enforcement. But even this will not be enough. Only an efficient public transport system will halt or curb the growth in road traffic. Until now it has been politically dangerous to challenge the car owner. But more and more voters now see a greater risk in allowing our children to be poisoned by exhaust fumes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Motives, duty and immunity orders

From Mr Anthony Bilmes

Sir, It is interesting to contrast the obvious truth of the first paragraph of your leader, "Taking wrongs seriously" (March 26), in which you state that "nothing could be more inimical to the principles of a free society than that people who have done no wrong should have their rights and freedoms taken away by the State", with the letters from Sir Ivan Lawrence and Sir Ian Percival printed beside it.

Public interest immunity certificates are designed to protect government secrets; otherwise they serve no purpose at all. Ministers and their friends cannot excuse the issue of certificates by pointing out that the judge refused the protection sought.

The Government knew the secrets; it has been instrumental in creating the circumstances that the secrecy was designed to protect. The Government instituted the criminal proceedings, as a result of which innocent people continue to suffer since the collapse of Matrix Churchill. It was always open to the Attorney-General to stop the prosecution but he did not.

Sir Ian Percival suggests that a comparison of Mr Alan Clark's evidence with the documents in question made that evidence appear unreliable. The opportunity to make that comparison must have existed long before Mr Clark gave evidence in court. Why was no comparison made between his witness statement and the documents?

The apologists are making matters worse for the Government. They should save their pleas in mitigation for after the publication of Lord Justice Scott's report. They will surely be badly needed.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BILMES,
Bilmes & Co (solicitors),
110 The Chambers,
Chelsea Harbour, SW10.
March 26.

From Mr Dermot Woolgar

Sir, Much of the reporting of Sir Nicholas Lyell's evidence to the Scott enquiry — and your leader, "Shades of duty" (March 25), is no exception — makes the mistake of equating a moral obligation with a legal duty. Sir Nicholas contends, if the reports of his evidence are accurate, that when documents fall within a class to which Crown privilege attaches, ministers are under a legal duty to claim that privilege.

His concession that ministers still have a right of conscientious refusal is nothing more, and nothing less, than common sense: we may all, for reasons of conscience, refuse to perform a legal duty. But we are still bound in law by that duty. If you consider Sir Nicholas's legal advice to have been morally reprehensible, say so, but his legal reasoning cannot be faulted.

Yours faithfully,
DERMOT WOOLGAR,
2 Pump Court, Temple, EC4.

From the Director of the Campaign for Freedom of Information

Sir, The sympathy of Matthew Parris (Sketch, March 25) for Sir Nicholas Lyell, facing vigorous cross-examination and an unsympathetic audience, is understandable but misplaced.

He complains that ministers at the Scott enquiry are not allowed to defend their record, other than by their answers on the spot, or a brief written statement. Not so: they are given notice of the enquiry's questions and provide copious written responses in advance. These are not made public only because ministers themselves choose not to release them. Moreover, for 16 months ministers have refused to answer parliamentary questions on the affair, arguing that these should be left to the enquiry.

The Scott enquiry may be the first time ministers are forced to answer for their actions in full, stripped of the opportunities for evasion permitted elsewhere. At this enquiry ministers have little option but to reveal the truth. The question is whether, afterwards, we will ever see such accountability again.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE FRANKEL,
Director, The Campaign for Freedom of Information,
88 Old Street, EC1.
March 25.

Efforts to keep science to the fore

From Dr Peter Catterall

Sir, One of the aims of Natural Science, Engineering and Technology Week (report, March 22; letter, March 25) seems to be to combat what some scientists see as the limited understanding of science and low esteem for its practitioners amongst the general public. Such views are mistaken, however. It is the engineers, who turn basic science into products for our industry, who have the real image problem, despite their importance to our society and economy.

Whilst it is undoubtedly true that there is widespread ignorance about science, scientists generally have a good public reputation. So does science itself. It is not that science is deemed of little or no importance. There is a folk belief that "science" supplies all the answers. Science is seen as a set of truths, rather than propositions based upon observation.

It is this deadly combination of awe with profound ignorance that is the real problem.

Yours sincerely,
PETER CATTERALL
(Director), Institute of Contemporary British History,
50 Gordon Square, WC1.
March 25.

From the Director of the British Antarctic Survey

Sir, The letter from Dr Virginia Warren (March 25) complains that she could find no information on Cambridge events for the National Science, Engineering and Technology Week. This week was pursued enthusiastically by university departments and by scientific institutions in Cambridge, promulgated through posters and advertisements in local newspapers and on local radio.

The British Antarctic Survey organised talks for school groups, an evening event for parents and children, and a BBC Radio Cambridgeshire question time, with three prominent environmental scientists.

We specifically targeted schoolchildren in the 11 to 16-year age group in an attempt to help make up the minds of students considering science as a subject. I was disappointed by the response of schools. Out of 30 local secondary schools contacted, only four visited us. Schoolteachers who visited queried why the national week of science coincided with the last week of school term, and why the Department for Education had not given schools advance information.

I would be interested to know if the "biggest-ever" UK public science event did reach the target of 200,000 people announced at its launch last November by Dame Anne McLaren, President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DREWRY,
Director, British Antarctic Survey,
High Cross,
Madingley Road, Cambridge.
March 25.

From Dr Ronald Gray

Sir, Dr Warren's plea for more contributions by the University of Cambridge towards children's education in science is partly met already by the Holiday Lectures for Young People, held after Christmas each year for the last 30 years. Many distinguished scientists have contributed to these, including at least one Nobel Prize winner. Arts subjects are also included.

Plans are also afoot for a "hands-on" science exhibition. Again, Cambridge scientists are not showing any lack of enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,
RONALD GRAY,
Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
March 25.

Perry's wife's 'friend'

From Mr Nigel Dempster

Sir, Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, as quoted in your Diary today, appears confused over the meeting at a "private party" between his wife, Lady Lucinda Lambton, and a person — unidentified by your diarist — whom she "believed to be a friend". He refers to the "injustice" of the *Daily Mail* reporting her uncomplimentary remarks about the Education Secretary.

May I point out that in his *Sunday Telegraph* article yesterday Sir Peregrine identified the "friend" as Diana Hutchinson, women's editor of the *Daily Mail*.

To further refresh his memory, let me inform Sir Peregrine that the "private party" was the press launch for *Perspectives*, backed by the Prince of Wales, and that Miss Hutchinson is adamant that she had never met Lady Lucinda before.

In the circumstances, Sir Peregrine, if he is the "gallant knight" your diarist states he is, owes Miss Hutchinson an apology, not least for the further errors concerning her in his *Sunday Telegraph* column.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL DEMPSTER
(Editor, Diary), *Daily Mail*,
Northcliffe House, Derry Street, W8.
March 28.

Tusks among the vines

From Professor the Reverend Canon J. R. Porter

Sir, The vintners of Kent are in even better — or worse — company than Mr Peter Cousins suggests (letter, March 21).

The bull of Pope Leo X ("Arise, O Lord and judge thy cause. A wild boar has invaded thy vineyard ...") is using two passages from the Psalms. The first sentence quotes Psalm 74, v 22 (Vulgate Psalm 73). The second sentence, referring to the wild boar, picks up Psalm 80, v 13 (Vulgate Psalm 79).

In this latter psalm, the vineyard is a symbol for the nation of Israel and the boar a symbol for its enemies.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. PORTER,
36 Theberton Street, Barnsbury, N1.
March 22.

Climbers' rights

From Mr Chris Bonington and others

Sir, We are writing to express our deep concern about plans to introduce the new offence of "aggravated trespass" in the Criminal Justice Bill.

Generations of climbers and hill-walkers have enjoyed Britain's open countryside, with little impact on the environment or other legitimate users of the land. Where no legal right of access exists we have often enjoyed *de facto* access but may soon be faced with the very real possibility of committing a criminal offence by just being on other people's land.

The Bill is worded, at sections 58 and 59, so that anyone who does not have a legal right to be on land and knows that their actions might have the effect of disrupting *any* lawful activity taking place on that land, will be committing a criminal offence. Anyone familiar with the outdoors knows that the simple act of walking across a heather moor might disturb the grouse. This could lead to a walker or climber being arrested for committing the criminal offence of crossing open moorland.

We are sure that this was not the intention of the Bill and such a change in the law would be a fundamental setback to the rights of climbers and hillwalkers quietly to enjoy Britain's hills and crags. We urge the Government to consider amendments which will safeguard these freedoms.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS BONINGTON,
DOUG SCOTT,
STEPHEN VENABLES,
Badger Hill, Hesket Newmarket,
Wigton, Cumbria.
March 18.

Sea trophy

From Mrs Julie N. Hynds

Sir, I was interested to see the picture of Mr Alan Diaper (early editions, March 23) proudly displaying the rare lump sucker fish he had caught. I presume it will be even rarer now.

Yours sincerely,
JULIE N. HYNDS,
15 Wharfedale Crescent,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.
March 23.

Leasehold reform

From Lord Coleraine

Sir, Sir George Young, Minister for Housing (letter, March 17), would have us believe that the changes to the Leasehold Reform Bill imposed in the Lords substantially strengthened the rights available to leaseholders.

Anyone who wishes to believe this should read the final debate in the Lords before the Bill passed back to the Commons (Hansard, May 25, 1993, cols 241 to 252). The minister listed changes brought about to toughen the Bill against leaseholders, and ended by saying: "The Bill is good for the Government because it shows that this truly is a listening Government."

The extent to which the Government has listened, and to whom, was made abundantly clear by the gratitude which was then showered on him by some of my Conservative colleagues who had assiduously supported the case of the great London estates throughout our consideration of the Bill.

Where I would join with Sir George is in hoping that flat-owners will not take an unnecessarily negative view of the Act. Many leaseholders will ultimately successfully enfranchise or obtain extended leases. I am honorary consultant to the Federation of Private Residents Associations, which also takes a positive view of the future.

The legislation is extremely complicated, and the procedures involved are likely to be expensive. Leaseholders should wherever possible make common cause together through residents' associations, sharing expense and looking to enfranchisement rather than to individual lease extension.

I would, at the same time, caution leaseholders against expecting too much from the Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service (LEAS) to which Sir George refers. The LEAS is there to advise both landlords and leaseholders. It can give advice as to how the Act is thought to operate, but it cannot advise leaseholders as to how they should proceed in their own best interests in any given circumstances. For this they must rely on their professional advisers, and they will need good ones.

Yours faithfully,
COLERAINE,
House of Lords.
March 21.

From Mr Owen Humphreys

Sir, If the Minister for Housing has more confidence than your property correspondent, Rachel Kelly, in the efficacy of the recent Leasehold Reform Act, perhaps he could provide us with his forecast of the number of enfranchisements likely to be achieved in the first 12 months of the Act's existence.

The outcome will be of much public interest and the data could be collected promptly and cost-free if solicitors were now required to indicate, on the transfer forms they submit to the Stamp Office, which ones were enfranchisement cases. This would avoid the cost and delay of unreliable sample surveys.

Yours faithfully,
OWEN HUMPHREYS,
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Sunday shopping with fair deals

From the Duke of Norfolk and others

Sir, On March 29 the House of Lords will debate the committee stage of the Sunday Trading Bill. The option narrowly selected by the Commons (report, December 9, 1993), to allow large supermarkets to open for six hours on Sundays, will have a disastrous impact on family life and on the retail trade itself.

Since the Commons vote, the presentation of the Government's Deregulation Bill (report, January 20), effectively opening the way to 24-hours-a-day trading, Monday to Saturday, further diminishes any arguments for deregulation on Sundays.

At a time when families are under assault we should be doing all in our power to give parents and children quality time. In addition, the opening of large supermarkets on Sundays will lead to the further destruction of small shops and the exploitation of low-paid staff.

It is for these reasons that the Pope has criticised the destruction of our traditional Sunday. As Catholic members of the Upper House it is our duty to defend small family shops and low-paid staff against the dominance of the supermarket giants.

We will be supporting supermarkets not being allowed to open at all, but allowing small shops to be open all Sunday.

Yours faithfully,
NORFOLK,
LONGFORD,
MASHAM of ILTON,
RAWLINSON,
RYDER of WARSAW,
St JOHN of FAWSLEY,
House of Lords.
March 25.

From Baroness Flather and others

Sir, As working women we represent the majority of shoppers and shop-workers who will be affected by the outcome of tomorrow's debate in the Lords.

Already many women shop and work in stores on Sunday. They do not want that freedom taken away. They have supported the Shopping Hours Reform Council's option to allow small shops to open all day on Sunday but to restrict the opening hours of large shops. They have supported the need for legal rights for shopworkers to choose whether or not to work on Sundays.

When peers come to consider Sunday shopping, we hope they will take into account the wishes of those millions of women who will not be able to speak during the debates but whose lives will be affected by their decision.

Yours sincerely,
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Distinctively Brum

From Mr Mike Wilson

Sir, Your article about Josie Lawrence ("And whose line is it now, Pet?", Vision, March 19), describes Lawrence as being Black Country-born, but four paragraphs later calls her a Brummie. She can't be both.

The Black Country is a distinct area of the West Midlands, comprising most of the metropolitan boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton, and has its own quite distinctive dialect.

Birmingham is neither in the Black Country, nor do the people of that great city — to which south-of-Watforders tend to ascribe most things Midland — speak in the same accent as Black Country folk. Confusing the two areas is akin to describing all the people from the Home Counties as cockneys.

Yours sincerely,
MIKE WILSON,
244 Main Street, Stonnall,
Walsall, Staffordshire.
March 20.

Human rights move

From Mr J. Pegley

Sir, Your report of March 19, headed "Britain rejects human rights move" [by refusing to allow automatic access to the European Court of Human Rights], is another example of how "British" sovereignty (which really means the British Government's sovereignty) does not always avail for the benefit of the British people.

Yours faithfully,
J. PEGLEY,
Bridge View, Windmill Green,
Shepperton, Middlesex.
March 22.

Wot language barrier?

From Mr N. J. Mustoe

Sir, The problem of foreign visitors not being able to understand the information signs written in English at our airports (report, March 21; letter, March 25) can be easily solved by increasing the size of the lettering.

Yours faithfully,
N. J. MUSTOE,
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 28: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception this evening at Buckingham Palace for the winners of The Queen's Award for Export, Technology and Environmental Achievement in 1993.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, addressed a Luncheon Meeting of the Rotary Club of London at the London Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London W1.

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Bulgaria and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Northern Lighthouse Board, this morning visited MV Pharos and attended a Luncheon with the Commissioners, Leith Harbour, Leith, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Animal Diseases Research Association, this afternoon visited Moredun Research Institute, 408 Gilmerton Road, Edinburgh.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 28: The Prince of Wales, Patron, English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, this evening attended a Concert and Dinner at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 28: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning left RAF Northolt for Germany.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11am.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron and trustee, will attend receptions for young people who have reached the gold standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's award at St James's Palace at 11.30am and 4pm.

The Prince of Wales, as Founder and President of The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture, will visit Ripon in support of a project to regenerate the city; and will visit Slingsby Aviation, Kirbymoorside, at 1pm.

The Duke of York will present the young electronic designer awards at the Science Museum at 8pm.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Animal Health Trust, will attend the Industry Committee City luncheon at Kleinwort Benson, 20 Fenchurch Street, at 12.50pm; and as Patron of the International Health Exchange, will attend the annual meeting at the Royal College of Nursing at 20 Cavendish Square at 5.15pm.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will visit the Cleveland and Durham child protection team at the Amos Hinton Family Centre, Park Road South, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, at 3pm.

The Duchess of Kent will open the London Fire Brigade's training centre, Southwark Bridge Road, at 2.30pm.

Birthdays today

Lord Justice Beldam, 69; Mr Henry Bellingham, MP, 39; Mr Richard Rodney Bennett, composer, 58; Miss Jennifer Capriati, tennis player, 18; Mr James Diggle, classicist, 50; Mr Maurice Farquharson, former Secretary to the Governors of the BBC, 95; the Marquess of Hertford, 64.

Mr Peter Hinchcliffe, co-founder, Iceland Frozen Foods, 47; Miss Margaret Howard, broadcaster, 56; Mr Eric Idle, actor and comedian, 51; Mr Jack Jones, CH, trades unionist, 81; Mrs Sheila Kitzinger, author, anthropologist and child birth educator, 65; Sir Arthur Knight, former chairman, Courtaulds, 77; Miss Sylvia Law, town planner, 63; Mr John Major, MP, 51; Mr Hugh Neill, Lord Lieutenant of South Yorkshire, 73; Sir John Paul, former Governor-General of The Bahamas, 78; Sir John Read, former chairman, TSB Group, 76.

Miss Fiona Reynolds, director, Council for the Protection of Rural England, 36; Lord Ross, 67; Miss Anne Stoddart, diplomat, 57; Lord Tebbit, CH, 63; Sir John Vane, pharmacologist, 67; the Right Rev James Weatherhead, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 63.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Edwin Lutyens, architect, London, 1869; Sir William Walton, composer, Oldham, 1902; Edward Burra, painter, London, 1905.

DEATHS: Thomas Coram, philanthropist, London, 1751; Charles Wesley, hymn writer, London, 1788; Maria Fitzherbert, morganatic wife of King George IV, Brighton, 1837; John Jacob Astor, fur trader and financier, New York, 1848; J. Arthur Rank, 1st Baron Rank, industrialist and film magnate, 1972; Carl Orff, composer, Munich, 1982.

The Albert Hall was opened by Queen Victoria, 1871.

Captain Robert Scott, storm-bound in a tent near the South Pole, made the last entry in his diary "... the end cannot be far ...", 1912.

The last American troops left Vietnam, 1973.



PETER TREVOR

A display of paintings and drawings by children in the former Yugoslavia was opened yesterday by the actress Vanessa Redgrave, special representative of Unicef (UK).

Most of the 30 works on show at the Imperial War Museum in Southwark, southeast London, have been lent by a Glasgow-based charity, SOS for Children: Croatian and Bosnian Child War Victim Trust Fund, which arranges for aid to be taken to Bosnia and Croatia and is helping to rebuild an orphanage destroyed in the fighting. The exhibition, which is open until Sunday, May 15, coincides with the publication of *I Dream of Peace: Images of War by Children of Former Yugoslavia*, a collection of writings and drawings by children in schools and refugee camps. Proceeds from the sale of the book will go to support programmes for children affected by war throughout the world.

☐ *I Dream of Peace: Images of War by Children of Former Yugoslavia* (Unicef/HarperCollins; £8.99)

Village dispute grows

BY JOHN YOUNG

TWO large heaps of earth behind a wall by the side of the main street are the visible signs of a dispute that has divided the Cotswold village of Quenington, Gloucestershire. Opponents of a scheme to build houses, studios and workshops on the edge of a meadow claim that it raises issues that could affect dozens of rural communities.

Fifteen years ago Frank Gollins and his wife Beryl, both respected architects, obtained planning permission to redevelop a group of obsolete farm buildings and adjacent land. It included the refurbishment of a medieval gatehouse founded by the ancient order of Knights Hospitallers.

Now that the Gollinses have decided to proceed with the third stage, which would obscure a view of open countryside, opponents are claiming that planning permission should have long since lapsed and that the development would never be permitted today.

Cotswold district council concedes that permission cannot be revoked if work has already begun on the site — the shell of the studio has been erected.

The environment department says that to revoke the original permission would be "a Draconian course which we would take only where a council's decision appeared so grossly wrong as to damage the wider public interest".

However, objectors say that the issue could encourage developers elsewhere to invoke retroactive permissions.

Canford School

Canford School announces the following awards:

Sixth Form Academic Scholarships: Katherine Hampson, Talbot Heath; Alexandra Davidson, Talbot Heath; Alexandra Bovaird, Roedean; Sophie Newth, Parkstone Grammar; Kate Bellamy, Talbot Heath.

Sixth Form Music Scholarships: Lucille Burns, Royal Manor School; Alexandra Davidson, Talbot Heath; Caroline Pearsall, The Alderley School.

Academic Scholarships: J.A. Wilkes, Castle Court; B.R. Dennell, Windlesham House; S.M.L. Whistler, Walhampton; P.R. Adams, Castle Court; A.R. Kendal, Hordle House; F.H. Young, The Mall School; H.C.W. Ogilvy, Perrott Hill; R.W.M. Bond, Westbourne House; P.J. Head, Salisbury Cathedral School; W.J. Parkhouse, Castle Court.

Music, Art and All-Rounder Scholarships: P.J. Head, Salisbury Cathedral; H.C.W. Ogilvy, Perrott Hill; J.M. Welsh, St Osmund's Middle; S.W.P. Durant, Edinburgh House; T.J.C. Teale, Edinburgh House; R.P. Gollings, Castle Court; N.S.G. Coghlan, Dumpton; D.M.I. Byrne, Durlston Court; M.R. East, Dumpton; D.R. Goodall, Twyford; T.W.C. King, Dorset House; L.J. O'Neill, King William's; G.R.A. Rapier, Dumpton; J.R. Walker, Dumpton; R.E. Walker, Castle Court.

Canford is a registered charity providing education to children.

Dinners

Athenaeum
Mr Brian Gilmore was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Sir Alcon Copisarow was in the chair.

Cardiff Business Club
The president of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Commander John Curteis, and the Right Hon Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Victor Riley, were present at a dinner held by the club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The guest speaker was Sir John A. Smith, President, Association of Chief Police Officers. Mr J. Wynford Evans, chairman, SWALEC, presided.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen
Judge Sir Lawrence Verney, Recorder of London, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Mr P.D.T. Roberts, Master, presided, assisted by Mr J.K. Badcock, Senior Warden, Mr A.H. Howard, Mr D. Allen and Captain P.M. Edge, Junior Wardens. Mr J.C. Jenkinson also spoke.

Luncheon

Royal Over-Seas League
The High Commissioner for Malta and Mrs Stellini were the guests of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman, and members of the central council were the hosts.

Service appointments

Royal Air Force

Air Commodore
K.S. Prior — to Central Medical Establishment, March 25, 1994.

Group Captain
J.M. Walker — to HQ LC, March 28, 1994.

Wing Commander
A.D. White — to PSO to CAS MoD Afd, March 19, 1994; A.W. Sumner — to SHAPE Int Staff, March 7, 1994; M.C. Strong — to HQ NATS (RAFE), March 14, 1994; J.D. Parnaby — To RAF College Cranwell, March 28, 1994; G.R.Parker — To DADPTC Blandford, March 28, 1994.

Army

Lieutenant General
The Hon Sir William Rous KCB OBE, to be Quartermaster General from April 18, 1994, in succession to General Sir John Learmont KCB OBE.

Major General
R.J. Hayman-Joyce CBE to be Military Secretary from April 18, 1994, in succession to Lieutenant General The Hon Sir William Rous, KCB, OBE.

Brigadier
I.G.C. Durie CBE to be Director Royal Artillery in the rank of Major General from April 18, 1994.

Major General
H.W.R. Pike DSO NBE to be Commander Royal Military Academy Sandhurst from May 1, 1994, in succession to Major General T.P. Toyne-Sewell.

Brigadier
R.E. Ratazzi — to HQ Unprofor March 28, 1994; G. Risius — to HA BAOR/HQ BRSC March 28, 1994.

Colonel
E.J.K. O'Brien — to LSP Abu Dhabi UAE, March 31, 1994.

Lieutenant Colonel
L.G. French R Signals — to HQ Wales & WDist, March 28, 1994; P.E.C. Gascoigne SG — to HQ BAOR/HE BRSC, March 28, 1994; E.R. Pitchforth RLC — to ASU SDist East, March 28, 1994; I.M.G. Strong R Signals — to Royal Sch of Signals, March 30, 1994; A.P.W. Campbell A&SH — to be CO ATR Glencorse, March 29, 1994; P.J. Oldfield R Signals — to MoD, April 4, 1994; S.J. Rollo RLC - To ARFPS (BAE), March 28, 1994; T.H. Senior PWO — to be Camp Comdt RCB, March 28, 1994.

Retirement

Brigadier
C.J.A. Hammerbeck late RTR, April 1, 1994.

Appointment

Mrs Susan Jones MBE JP of Gower, Swansea, has been appointed as Deputy Lieutenant of the county of West Glamorgan.

University news

St Anthony's College, Oxford
Election to governing body fellowship: Dr Steve Yui-Sang Tsang as Cha Fellow.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Croft
and Miss R.L. Muter
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs David C. Croft, of Chipping, Lancashire, and Rachel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John G.T. Muter, of Thornley-with-Wheatley, Lancashire.

Mr N.I. Hobbs
and Miss S.A. Mason
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs K. Hobbs, of Alstree, Derbyshire, and Sophie (Nancy) Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Mason, of Habrough, North Lincolnshire.

Mr G.M.P. Lee
and Miss F.A. Bohn
The engagement is announced between Gerrard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.P. Lee, of Africa and London, and Fiona Alexandra, daughter of the late Mr Ian Bohn and of Mrs Karen Bohn, of Madrid, Spain.

Mr H. Richardson
and Miss N.C. Turner
The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Jennifer and Kenneth Richardson, of Minster, Kent, and Nathalie Claire, daughter of Joan and the late Graham Turner, of Steeple Aston, Oxford.

Mr M.A.L. Tod
and Dr P.M.J. Tostevin
The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Rear-Admiral J.J.R. Tod and Mrs C.E.R. Tod, of Bowcombe, Devon, and Philippa, daughter of the Rev R.E. Tostevin and Mrs E.M. Tostevin, of Christchurch, Dorset.

Marriages

Mr C. Mills
and Miss F.M.D. Hyman
The marriage took place in London on March 26, between Mr Charles Mills, son of Captain and Mrs K.H. Mills, of Chickerell, Dorset, and Miss Francesca Hyman, daughter of Dr and the Hon Mrs Anthony Hyman, of Hampstead.

Mr R.P. Ault
and Miss L.M. Heffer
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 19, at Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire, between Mr Robert Ault, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Ault, and Miss Lisa Heffer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Heffer.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

The council of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh has announced the election of Professor Sir Robert Shields as president of the college with effect from October 7, 1994.

Sir Robert, a graduate of the University of Glasgow, has been Professor of Surgery at the University of Liverpool since 1969 and was Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1982-85.

Among his many appointments, Sir Robert has been president of the Surgical Research Society, of the British Society of Gastroenterology and of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland. He is vice-chairman of the *British Journal of Surgery*, a member of the General Medical Council, and has been a member of the Medical Research Council.

Sir Robert is vice-chairman of the Royal Liverpool University Hospital Trust.

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As a shepherd goes in search of his sheep when his flock is scattered from him in every direction so I shall go in search of my sheep and rescue them no matter where they are scattered.
Ezekiel 34:12 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL ZOUHEIRI - On Thursday March 24th at The Portland Hospital, Alessandra-Noor was born to Fabienne (née Lenfant) and Bashar.

BORRELLI - On Thursday 17th March 1994, to Heather (née Utterson) and Paul, a son, Thomas Alexander Raphael, a darling brother for Emily and James.

CAVENAGH - On March 24th 1994, to Annemiek (née de Ruiter) and Jamie, a daughter, Laura Odille.

COLLETT - On 21st March 1994, to Nicola (née Garwood) and Ian, a daughter, Lydia Rose, 8lbs 9oz.

DE MONCHAUX - To Anne (née Gladden) and Tony, on March 27th (26th), a son, a brother for Monty.

DOWDING - To Charles and Suzy on 25th March, in Ayrna, France, a daughter, Rosalie at 6lbs 4oz.

FILTNESS - Sally Robina Hamilton Haigh and Roger Dennis announce the birth of their first child Joshua on 22nd March 1994 at Harrogate General Hospital.

GILLINGHAM - To Adam and Susan (née Mears), a daughter, Emily Ann Caledonia. In Edinburgh on 25th March 1994. A sister for Thomas and Holly.

GODDEN - On 28th March in Adelaide, South Australia, to David and Paula, a daughter, Alice Clare, a sister to Matthew.

GONZALEZ - Sofia was born at The Portland Hospital on March 24th 1994; her parents Pili and Armando are delighted.

HOULDSWORTH - On 23rd March 1994, to Joanna (née Hockley) and Simon, a daughter, Charlotte Rose.

JOHNSTON - On 24th March to Emma (née Gordon) and William, twin daughters Camilla and Polly.

LENNOX - On Friday 25th March 1994, to Booty (née Gordon) and Edward, a son, introducing George William Hornell Lennox.

LODGE - On March 28th 1994 to Robert and Elizabeth of The Old Vicarage, a daughter, Kathryn Rose.

MAINDS - On 16th March, to Sam and Lavinia (née Prideaux), a daughter, Polly.

McKINSTRY - On 25th March 1994 at The Portland Hospital, to Pamela and Thomas, a son, Samuel Edwards.

McLELLAN - On March 9th 1994, to Katie (née FitzGerald) and Philip, a daughter, Samantha Jane.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

HAMILTON-ROBINSON - On 29th March 1969 at St Andrew's Church, Chedworth, Alan John to Rosemary Rolinda. Now at Andover. Congratulations mum and dad, love always Louise and James.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

McCOWEN-WILSON - On March 29th 1934, Don to Kitty, formerly Bighton Manor, now Collingtree, Bermuda. Love and congratulations from family and friends.

DEATHS

ASTLEY - On 26th March, Sir Francis Astley Bt., aged 86 years, courageously with his distinctive humour, lost his last battle at Heath Mount, Rake, Hants., leaving heartbroken Brita. Adored father of Bridget and grandfather of Robert and Simon. Cremation private. Memorial Service at St Peter, Eversleigh, Wilts. later.

BECKWITH - On 27th March peacefully at Woodstock House, Oxfordshire, Amy, aged 88, widow of Harold and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Oxford Crematorium on 31st March at 10.15 am. No flowers by request.

BRADSHAW - On March 28th, James Gordon, suddenly at home at Welburn, York, beloved husband of Jane Margaret, loving father of Hilary and Martin and grandfather of Thomas. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Welburn, on Thursday March 31st at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please.

CALDER - Hugh Saxton on 27th March, in hospital in Monroeville, Alabama, after a short illness, aged 57. Much loved husband of Francoise and father of Andre, Michelle and Alexis. Donations welcome to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

CAMERON - Geoffrey Vaughan Hemsley "Geoff", aged 53 years, at St Wilfrid's House, Chichester, Sussex, on March 28th. Only child of John and Kathleen Cameron, after a long illness borne with great fortitude and good humour. Former pupil of Taunton School and Managing Director of Geoffrey Cameron Associates. Details of arrangements from (071) 833-1702 (Office Hours).

CLARKE - On March 26th 1994, William Godfrey, aged 94 years, late The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. For 64 years the loved husband and friend of Dorothy, father of Ruth, grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation private.

CRESSWELL - Olive May (née Barham) on 26th March 1994, peacefully at house in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late William Foy Cresswell C.B.E., dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service and cremation at York Crematorium on Thursday March 31st at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations for The Royal National Lifeboat Institution to J.G. Fielder & Son Funeral Directors, 28 George Street, Pocklington, York YO4 2DG.

DONALDSON - On Sunday March 27th, peacefully at home, Frances (Frankie). Funeral at St Mary's, Church Street, Battersea, 12 o'clock, Thursday March 31st. Any donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, London SW3.

DOYLE - On March 28th 1994, Major John Welbore Doyle M.C.T. Much loved husband of Monica, loving father of Patricia and affectionate grandfather of Helen, Amy and Humphrey. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Cobham, on Tuesday April 5th at 2pm. Family flowers only. donations if desired to Middlesex Regimental Association c/o James and Thomas Ltd., Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3AL.

DUNGEY - On 26th March 1994, peacefully at home, Leslie, darling husband of Betty, beloved father of Jean and Hugh and devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Andrew's, Alfriston, Sussex, at 2 pm on Wednesday 6th April 1994, to which all friends are welcome, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations may be sent to The Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Seaford and Newhaven Funeral Service, 22 Sutton Road, Seaford, E. Sussex, BN25 1RH.

ENGLAND - On March 23rd, peacefully, Timothy Frank, beloved husband of the late Alyette, father of Antoinette and Michael. Funeral at Portchester Crematorium on Thursday 31st March at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Sue Ryder Home, Bardeen House, Langrish, nr. Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 1EP.

FEDUCHIN-KALSTON - Gleb George, Count Makaroff. Born Petrograd 30th October 1912; lived also in Yalta and Moscow; then in Lymington, Hampshire. Passed away Wednesday 23rd March 1994 at Lymington. Leaves his beautiful wife Joyceiyn who loved him completely, his children Quentin, Tatiana, Nicola, Juliette, Jolyon, 11 grandchildren, his dog and garden. After a long illness borne with his usual passion. Bournemouth Crematorium 3.45 pm, Thursday 31st March 1994. Flowers to Diamond & Son, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hampshire SO41 9DN.

FOX - On 26th March, peacefully at Chesterton House, Cirencester, after a long illness, Peter, formerly of Millfield School and Lewes, Sussex. Beloved husband of Winifred and dear father of Martyn, Linda and Robert. Funeral Service on 2nd April at 2 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Malcolm Sargent Cancer Research Fund for Children.

FRASER - On March 26th 1994 at Beaufort, Hon. Simon Fraser, Master of Lovat, beloved husband of Virginia and devoted father of Violet, Honor, Simon and Jack and much loved son of Lord and Lady Lovat. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Eskadale, Inverness-shire, at 11.45 am tomorrow, Wednesday 30th March. Limited transport will be provided from Inverness Airport.

GENT - Peter Lionel aged 60 passed away at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, on March 23rd 1994, son of Nora, brother of Martin and much loved partner of Audrey. All family and friends are very grateful to the Royal Marsden Hospital for all their loving care. Cremation at Woking Crematorium today Tuesday March 29th at 12 noon.

GUILLAUME - On March 24th 1994, Rex, beloved husband of Joyce, father of David and Martin, grandfather of Annette, Catherine, Christopher, John, Meaghan and Samantha, suddenly at Cannock, Staffordshire. Funeral Service on Thursday 31st March at St James Church, Weybridge, Surrey at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Lodge Bros. of Weybridge or donations to Rex Guillaume Memorial Fund c/o The Headmaster, Lyncroft House, Convent Close, Cannock, Staffordshire.

HATHWAY - Peacefully at home "Seawinds" Kyle of Lochalsh, on Saturday March 26th 1994, after a long brave fight. Godfrey Charles O.B.E. (Taff), Commander R.N. retired. Loving husband of Eleanor MacKinnon, devoted and much loved father of Judy, John, Roderick, David and Kate and a dear grandfather.

HILLS - On March 26th 1994, suddenly, aged 40 years. Dr. Andrew Hills, husband of Susan, father of Alyson and Victoria, brother of Ian. Service at St Peter's Church, Forsbrook, on Thursday 31st March at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to Mersey Kidney Research c/o Dean Bros., 76 Gores Lane, Formby. tel: (0704) 872023.

HILL - Lady Hill (Dr. Lorna Wheelan) on 26th March, tragically in an accident at home. Lorna, wife of the late Sir Denis Hill, loving mother of Richard and Annabel, stepmother of Anthony and Caroline. Private funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium Wednesday 6th April at 11am. Floral tributes welcome. Memorial Service at a later date.

JONES - Maurag (née Annat) on 26th March suddenly but peacefully in the Solomon Islands, beloved wife of Ray and much loved mother of Susan and Carol, who will be greatly missed by family and friends everywhere. Funeral at 2 pm on Tuesday 5th April at St Mary's Church. Send Enquiries and flowers to Woking Funeral Service, 119-121 Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey. (0483) 772295.

LIEBESCHUETZ - Dr. Hugo Joseph. Peacefully at home, Thursday 24th March, after a long illness. Beloved husband, father and grandfather and paediatrician. Funeral at Southend Crematorium, Wednesday March 30th, 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations to Southend Toy Library or Children's Department, Southend General Hospital.

LYNCH - Group Captain John Brayne, R.A.F. On 28th March 1994, peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Group Capt. John Brayne Lynch aged 94, dear husband of Dora and father of Christopher, Angela and Frances. Grandfather and great-grandfather. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's Church, Formby, at 12 noon Wednesday 6th April followed by cremation at Garden of Rest, Thornton, Liverpool. Funeral Directors Coyne Bros., Formby. (0704) 873899.

MACARTHUR - Thomas (Tom) Alexander after a lifetime in the theatre, passed away peacefully at his home on 25th March 1994. Enquiries to Frank Darcy and Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, BN6 9TT. tel: (0273) 832179.

MAKAROFF - See Feduchin.

RAKSENYI - Ilse (née Mühsam) born Berlin, 1899, died Bristol, 19 March 1994. Mourned by her son Esra Bennathan and Marion, her grandsons Joshua and Joel, and her great-grandchildren Ella, Matthias, Rosa and Oliver.

PHILLIPS - Dorothea Flavia M.B.E. On 28th March 1994, aged 81 years, at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, a much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Funeral Service at The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Great Somerford, Wilts., on April 5th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but, donations, if desired, to British Field Sports Society. Enquiries to H & C Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, SN16 0BQ. tel: (0666) 822216.

POETT - Julia, on 26th March peacefully at home after a long illness courageously borne amongst family and friends. Funeral at The Church of St Andrew, Great Durnford, at 11 am on Wednesday 6th April followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only please; any donations to be sent to SSAFA, 68 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EN.

RALSTON - See Feduchin.

RAWLINS - On March 26th 1994, at Chesham Hospital peacefully after a short illness, Richard Charles Champion, devoted husband of Yo, brother of Rowan and uncle of Richard, Roger and Robin. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, April 5th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Chesham Hospital Trust Fund c/o Cooks Funeral Services, 72 Broad Street, Chesham, Bucks.

ROBINS - On 27th March 1994, after a short illness, Geraldine, much loved widow of Brian. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 5th April at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only may be sent to J.H. Kenyon. Donations if desired to the Royal Marsden Hospital c/o J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8 6LA.

ROBINSON - Kenneth John, dear husband of Mary, much loved father of Nigel and Lucy, on 26th March. Enquiries to Sanders & Sons, tel: (061) 949-8567. Private cremation 5th April. Memorial Service later.

RODD - Thomas Eric, formerly of Eastbourne, died peacefully in Milton Keynes Hospital on Saturday 26th March aged 86. Sadly missed by Evelyn, Lucinda and John and their families. Funeral private but a Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Eastbourne in the summer.

SALONIKA - On March 26th peacefully at St Julian's, Wimbledon, Diana, mother of Adrienne, grandmother of Kim and Wyn. Funeral at St Mary's, Bramshott, Hants. on Tuesday 5th April at 2pm. Donations if desired to Friends of the Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, SW1W 0LU.

SANDERS - On March 27th 1994 peacefully at the Moorhouse Nursing Home, Hindhead, Catherine (Taffy) aged 101, wife of the late Spence Sanders, dearly loved mother of George, grandmother of Jonathan, Andrew, Caroline and Camilla and great-grandmother of Hugo. Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday 6th April at 11.30 am. Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church, Farnham Common, on Friday 6th May at 3 pm. Family flowers only; donations if desired to The Mary Hare Foundation c/o Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon GU35 9AR. tel: (0420) 488896.

SPENCE - On March 27th, suddenly after a very short but brave fight against cancer, Mavis Pauline aged 67 years (retired schoolteacher), beloved wife of Leslie, devoted mother of Amanda and Jonathan and adored grandma of Jemma-Francesca. Funeral at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Wokingham, at 12.30 pm, Wednesday April 6th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Duchess of Kent House In-Patient Unit, Lieberstroud Road, Reading, Berkshire.

TAYLOR - On Saturday 26th March, David Bradbury of Kingston Gorse, Sussex. Husband of Jean, father of Pauline and Bruce and grandfather of Thomas and Antonia. Service on Thursday 31st March, 12.40pm at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Barnabas' Hospice, Worthing.

WARD - John Fowler on March 26th 1994 aged 92 at Stowmarket, Suffolk, dearly loved husband of Joan and devoted father of Antony, Patricia and Richard.

WAY - On 25th March, peacefully in a nursing home, Mrs Frances Mary Grace Way, aged 90. Widow of the Reverend J.C. Way and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral to be held at St Michael's Church, Amersham-on-the-Hill, on Tuesday 5th April at 11.30 am.

WIKE - Beryl (née Edgecombe), very peacefully at home on March 27th. Beloved wife of Peter, mother of Catherine and grandmother of Robert and Henry. Funeral private.

WILSON - Leslie (Joe), formerly of Bradfield College. On March 26th, aged 87. Husband of Pam, loved and loving father, step-father, grandfather and uncle. Private family funeral at Oxford Crematorium, Thursday March 31st at 12.45 pm. No flowers, by request. Thanksgiving Service to be announced later.

WINFIELD - Rex Arthur, passed away peacefully at home on 27th March, aged 66 years. Dearly loved husband of Joan and devoted father and father-in-law of Cathy and Peter and Christopher and Kathryn. Donations if desired for Imperial Cancer Research Fund or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund may be sent c/o Arnold & District Funeral Service, 36 High Street, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7DZ.

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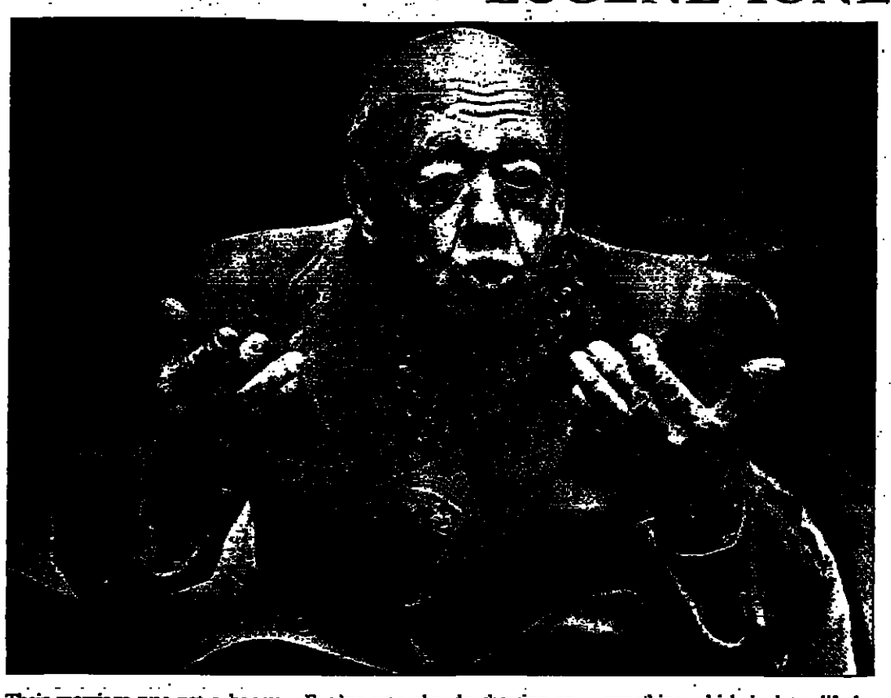
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OBITUARIES

EUGÈNE IONESCO

Eugène Ionesco, Romanian-born French playwright, died in Paris yesterday aged 81. He was born in Slatina, Romania, on November 26, 1912.



ALTHOUGH he also wrote novels and short stories, numerous essays both literary and polemical, and made a film entitled *Slime*, it is as one of the most influential dramatists of the 20th century that Eugène Ionesco will be remembered, through such plays as *The Bald Prima Donna* and *Amédée*.

His contribution to drama, especially through the early plays, which exploited comic elements of the absurd with a brilliance that precursors like Jarry or Artaud never attained, lies in the movement — which became his trademark — towards not dénouement, but towards paroxysm, or as he put it: "You must arrive at a point where you can laugh at anything."

This childlike quality, a mischievous and innocent theatrical jousting with terror and death, was the essence of his achievement. He brought the theatre back to essential things, to the fundamental questions, which he saw as being: "Why do I exist?" and "Why was I born, if I must die?"

Later in his career this sense of urgency was, alas, dissipated. He tended to exploit theatricality without having anything urgent left to say. But this does not detract from the achievement of his great works of the 1950s.

Really a French writer of Romanian origin, rather than a Romanian who adopted French as his language of expression, Ionesco was born at Slatina, in the foothills of the Carpathians. His real name was Eugen Ionescu. His father was a Romanian lawyer and his mother, Thérèse Icard, was French.

Their marriage was not a happy one, and in the frequent arguments Eugène sided with his mother. He disliked his father and later broke with him completely. Not surprisingly, oppressive father-figures dominate his later stories and plays.

Shortly after Eugène's birth the family moved to Paris. The father was called up in 1917 and returned alone to Romania which had entered the war on the Allied side, while the mother went to work in a factory to support her children. Eugène was already showing an interest in the theatre, becoming a devotee of the Punch and Judy shows in the Luxembourg Gardens. But he became anaemic and was sent with his sister to recuperate at a village, La Chapelle-Anthenaise, near Le Mans.

He was intensely happy there. This stay in the country became an image of paradise which never left him. It satisfied two deep-seated needs: for space in which to move and be free, and for shelter in which to feel completely secure, something which in later life he described as "l'espace et le nid".

On returning to Paris he rejoined his mother in the damp and gloomy flat in the Rue de l'Avre which later inspired the setting of *Amédée*, the play in which mushrooms sprout on the floor of the Buccinionis' flat. The young Eugène was, however, writing a quite different play at the time, a heroic drama in two acts full of French patriotic sentiment.

When he was 14 his mother took the children back to Romania, but she did not stay long, soon discovering that her husband had divorced her and married again. Eugène, however, remained with his father and stepmother, learnt Romanian, and rewrote his French play as a Romanian epic. He ran away from home at the age of 17 and enrolled at the University of Bucharest, where he studied French and began to write seriously.

His first slim volume of verse (in Romanian, but influenced by the French symbolists) was published in 1931, and he contributed essays to the leading papers, culminating in the publication by Vremea Editions in 1934 of *Nu*, a collection of provocative pieces which first laud and then attack the leading Romanian writers of the day.

In 1936 Ionesco's mother died in France and his father, like many in Ionesco's immediate circle in Bucharest, embraced fascism, an ideology Ionesco held in utter contempt. On July 12, Eugène married a fellow-student, Rodica Burileanu, and earned his living as drama critic for the magazine *Facla* and as a French teacher in Bucharest.

In 1938 he returned to France to study for his doctorate at the Sorbonne. He did research on poetry since Baudelaire with particular reference to the theme of sin and death, a preoccupation in many of his later plays. But he gave up his thesis after a couple of years. By then the war was on: he returned briefly to Romania in 1941, but soon managed to get back to France, where he and Rodica settled in Marseilles.

At the Liberation the Ionescos returned to Paris and Eugène found work as a proof-reader in a firm of legal publishers. He learnt, to his disgust, that in Romania his father had now joined the ruling Communist Party.

Feeling that a knowledge of English might get him a better job in Paris, he began learning the language with the help of the popular Assimil method. "There I found some characters," he later recalled, "who met of an evening and talked of all sorts of things, such as, it is nice to live in the town but the country is quieter." The peculiar logic and unintended humour of the textbook's stilted language were a revelation to him. He began writing (originally for the amusement of friends, who urged production) the play which was soon to become world famous, *The Bald Prima Donna*. It was at once a parody of everyday conversation and a parody of theatre, so he called it an "anti-play". At a stroke, the "Theatre of the Absurd" was born.

The Bald Prima Donna opened on May 11, 1950, at the Théâtre des Noctambules. It later transferred to the Théâtre de la Huchette, where it played without a break for decades. A number of masterpieces followed in quick succession: *The Lesson*, *The Chairs*, *Victims of Duty* and *Amédée*, which not only established Ionesco as one of the leading figures in the "absurdist" theatre movement, but also explored that "psychology of antagonism" which was his hallmark. In nearly all these plays there are victims and tormentors. "I am aggressively opposed to aggressiveness," Ionesco once said, in anguish at the unreasoning violence of the strong over the weak which he pilloried in his play *The Killer*.

Ionesco's works were soon being translated and performed worldwide, and in 1956, arising out of the Royal Court production of *The Chairs* and *The Lesson*, a famous public disputation took place with Kenneth Tynan in the columns of *The Observer*. With unabashed truculence Ionesco argued that Sartre, John Osborne and Arthur Miller were new-style boulevard playwrights and that Tynan was a left-wing conformist as deplorable as the right-wing variety which Ionesco had encountered in Romania before the war. Prominent figures like Jean Anouilh and André Breton sprang to Ionesco's defence and the result was declared more or less a draw. Later on, though, it seemed that Tynan and his party might have won: the playwrights he championed were getting drama centres named after them as Ionesco's work fell progressively into neglect.

What finally did for Ionesco, however, was the suffocating embrace of the French cultural establishment. In 1960 *Rhinoceros* was his first play to be put on in a state-subsidised theatre, the Théâtre de France and it was followed in 1966 by *Hunger and Thirst*, written for the ultra-respectable Comédie Française. In 1971 Ionesco was elected to the Académie Française, and other distinctions — the Légion d'Honneur, the Grand Prix National du Théâtre and numerous honorary degrees — were showered upon him. He never again wrote anything as brilliantly subversive or as startlingly original as *The Bald Prima Donna* or *Amédée*; instead, his work became increasingly wordy and self-indulgently confessional. *Journeys Among the Dead*, a dream play exploring the underworld of memory, received mixed notices in 1987, and Ionesco took up painting as a way of coping better with his all-pervasive anguish.

His wife, Rodica, and a daughter survive him.

JOHN MARSHALL

John Marshall, film producer, died on March 5 aged 59. He was born on March 11, 1934.

JOHN MARSHALL gave Muhammad Ali one of his first starring roles outside the ring when he cast the boxer as himself in a film version of his life, *The Greatest* (1977). Purely on cinematic merit, the end product may not have lived up to its title, but was certainly no embarrassment to the charismatic Ali who, despite competition from a strong cast, stole most of his scenes.

The son of a bank manager, John Hurley Marshall was educated at Ampleforth where he played cricket, rugby and golf, but made little academic impact. After National Service as a frogman in the Royal Navy, he moved to Canada, where he was a docker, lumberjack and nightclub singer. By 1955 he had established himself in Hollywood as an independent producer. He wrote television scripts and produced documentaries on Arthur Ashe and Stan Smith, as well as managing Richard Harris, Nina (of Nina and Frederick) and Frank Ifield.

Marshall's other claim to fame was the staging of the first American football game at Wembley stadium in 1983. He returned to England at the end of the 1980s.

His marriage to Elizabeth Barham ended in divorce in 1982 and there were no children.

IN THE obituary of Albert McIntosh (February 17) it was incorrectly stated that the late Harry Pollitt and Jack Gaster left the Communist Party in 1939. In fact neither did, although Harry Pollitt ceased to be general secretary of the party from October 1939 to June 1941.

FRANCES DONALDSON

Frances Donaldson (Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge), author, died on March 27 aged 87. She was born on January 13, 1907.

MANY disparate ingredients went into the creative make-up of Frances Donaldson, who made her authorial debut with a book on the unlikely subject of wartime farming and over the next fifty years ranged over subjects as different as the abdication of Edward VIII and the workings of the British Council. Daphne du Maurier, with her precocious imagination, and Leonora Wodehouse, stepdaughter of P. G., were both childhood companions. As a teenage girl she played tennis with the actor Ronald Squire and golf with Lord Beaverbrook. Under the latter's stimulus she read voraciously: Samuel Butler's *Erewhon*, Renan's *Life of Jesus and* Froude's *History of England* as well as Proust, Dostoevsky and Anatole France.

But unquestionably the greatest single influence on her youth was her father, the playwright Freddy Lonsdale. Frances Annesley Donaldson was his second daughter and her childhood and early adult life were dominated by that remarkable man, self-made in an almost literal sense, whose favourite daughter she was and who gave her the nickname by which she was always known, Frankie — which she privately detested.

Lonsdale drew her with him on his dazzling progress through London and New York society of the Twenties and early Thirties, in which he exercised to the limit his legendary talent to amuse. This was the world on which his daughter cast a cold eye in one of her most successful books, *Child of the Twenties* (1959), in which she anatomises the selfish but entertaining milieu in which she was half-spectator, half-participant at her father's side.

She made a brief and unsuccessful first marriage, to which she never referred other than to repeat in *A Twentieth Century Life* (1992) what she had said of it in *Child of the Twenties*: "... my mother forced me, by the maximum of pressure, but also through the most extraordinary duplicity in the strangest set of circumstances, to marry a man twenty years older than myself, whom I did not want to marry." This marriage was dissolved after four years.

Then Frances Lonsdale's life changed direction completely when she met and in 1935 married Jack Donaldson, social reformer, musical amateur and subsequently a minister in the Wilson and Callaghan Governments (he was made a life peer as Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge in 1967). This lifelong partnership between two remarkable people was a true collaboration of equals that allowed them both to pursue careers in parallel from a common base.

Their individual courses did not always run smoothly, and between them the sparks sometimes flew; but their relationship gave her the essential confidence in her own abilities and provided the environment in which her talent could grow and flourish.

For the first years of their marriage Frances Donaldson was preoccupied with her husband's activities in the Peckham Pioneer Health Centre and with raising her own family. The outbreak of the Second World War changed her life again: with a husband away at the war and two young children to look after she turned to farming to support her family. With typical thoroughness she set out to learn how to farm from scratch and succeeded so well that by the middle of the war she had produced a series of three books on farming, one of which, *Approach to Farming* (1941), went into six editions.

When her husband returned from fighting he joined her in farming. But both were too energetic to be confined solely to the horizons of a Gloucestershire farm. She turned again to writing: her biography of her father, *Freddy* (1957), an affectionate but nonetheless honest memoir, was the first book to bring her to the attention of a wider public.



It was followed by a sortie into popular history, *The Marconi Scandal* (1962), which examined the notorious Marconi share issue of 1912. This involved heavy placement of shares in England and allegations of improper conduct in these transactions by the Attorney-General, Rufus Isaacs, and two other government ministers (including the Chancellor, David Lloyd George), which threatened to overwhelm the Liberal Party.

Frances Donaldson's meticulous unravelling of the detail of a key episode in British politics won her golden opinions from professional historians on the score of her impartial handling of an issue which gave rise to violent passions at the time.

This reception encouraged her to tackle larger topics. After another excursion into biography, *Evelyn Waugh*, *Portrait of a country neighbour* (1967), and a pious tribute to the stage, *The Actor Managers* (1970), she began work on what was to prove her greatest success, her biography, *Edward VIII* (1974). This showed her at the height of her powers. Her plain, clear English (painstakingly acquired — she worked hard to achieve her effects and was justly impatient with those who murmured about inherited "natural" gifts) was matched by her skill in sustaining a narrative and underpinned by solid research.

Edward VIII won her the Wolfson Prize and a large public, further enlarged by the Thames Television dramatisation, *Edward and Mrs Simpson* (1978), to which she acted as a technical adviser. It was followed by another biography, *P. G. Wodehouse* (1982), which did as much as anything could to bring that curiously colourless character to life. *The British Council: the first fifty years* (1984), which followed, read inevitably like the official history it was. Yet even within these constraints it showed her admirable powers of abstracting and synthesising information, when faced with a scene crowded with an unending procession of civil servants, statesmen and council staff.

The Royal Opera House in the Twentieth Century (1988) did not earn her even this sort of admiration. To critics of Covent Garden and its large public subsidies, it reeked of ganging up on the side of privilege against the ordinary opera-goer; even Covent Garden's *habitués* found grounds to cavil at its failure to give much of the inside story of the House's growth which was clearly available to her (her husband Jack was for many years a director of the House). *Yours Plum: The letters of P. G. Wodehouse*, edited and with an introduction by Frances Donaldson, appeared in 1990 and provided glimpses into his psyche that her earlier biography, perhaps, could not. *A Twentieth Century Life* spanned a period which, as she said, coincided from the social point of view "with a period of change which, in England at least, was in some ways greater than in a thousand years of history".

Frances Donaldson's life was filled with strong and enduring friendships. A whole generation of senior Labour politicians, starting with Hugh Gaitskell, enjoyed the Donaldsons' hospitality, first in Gloucestershire and later at Kingsbridge. Her perpetual social guerrilla warfare with Anthony Crosland, an old and dear friend who died in 1977, was memorably celebrated in her husband's address at Crosland's memorial service. But she kept up her friendships from prewar days and added to them as success took her into new circles.

Despite the range and warmth of these relationships, she never lost a certain reserve — in *Freddy* she writes movingly of the effects on a sensitive adolescent of her father's affectionately meant attempts to toughen her up socially. She knew her own worth and could be formidable if she chose to be. But in later life a large troop of grandchildren could unerringly find the chinks in her armour: with them she enjoyed a close and affectionate relationship and took a touching pride in their various achievements and those of her three children, two sons and a daughter who, with her husband, survive her.

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THE APPEAL OF GOOD FRIDAY

It is an impressive fact that the appeal of Good Friday has persisted with little weakening through 19 centuries, but an age which overturns many ancient institutions and beliefs may ask if the influence of this day is likely to endure.

The future might find our country peopled by a generation almost ignorant of the Bible, and the danger is not so small that either Church or State can afford to disregard it. But a more immediate risk is that the value of the day may be lowered by a reduced idea of the event the day commemorates.

In some degree, the scene on Calvary must always touch the hearts of those who contemplate it; none who is not debased can view it without some emotion. Yet the real significance of Good Friday depends less upon our perception of the suffering than upon our conception of the Sufferer.

An attitude that is rather popular today attempts to combine admiration for the character and teaching of Jesus Christ with a denial of His divine claims. On Good Friday the logical consequences of this attempt become clear. When our eyes are turned towards the Cross, we cannot evade the question — who is He that hangs upon it? Two answers are possible. The one has been the belief of Christendom through 19 centuries and affirms that He who suffered was, and is, the Divine Son of God. The other accounts him merely human; a great teacher who so exasperated the religious authorities of his day by the novelty of his doctrines that they put him to death. This theory makes Good Friday the commemoration of a human tragedy and nothing more. And nothing can be historically more certain than that if such had been the belief of the Church in the first century, in the twentieth there would have been no Good Friday to observe. Indeed, there would have been no Church, which at its beginning was a companionship of men and women already convinced that Jesus Christ was to be worshipped as the Lord. They knew that He had died upon the Cross, they were no less sure that He had risen from the dead.

As a matter of history, it was not the Church which created belief in the divinity of Jesus Christ; it was an antecedent belief in His divinity, a belief forced by experience upon those who held it, that created the Church.

A restatement of these simple facts is not superfluous for an age which suffers from much vague and ill-informed talk about the Christian faith and its origin.

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Hurd puts authority on the line

■ Douglas Hurd will today put his authority on the line by asking the Cabinet to accept the European Union compromise on voting rights.

The Cabinet was poised to accept the Foreign Secretary's judgment that he had negotiated the best possible deal in the circumstances Pages 1, 2, 13, 21

Knifeman kills girl in classroom

■ A girl aged 12 was stabbed to death and two classmates wounded yesterday when a man armed with knives and a shotgun burst into their in Middlesbrough school during a maths lesson. Nicola Conroy died in the classroom when the man began stabbing at the three girls, apparently because they would not stop screaming. A man arrested at the scene was later being questioned by police Pages 1, 3

Johannesburg deaths

At least 16 people died in the centre of Johannesburg as several thousand Zulus came to the city to press the claim of their king for a sovereign independent kingdom. More were killed in the townships 30 Pages 1, 17

Double whammy

House-buyers could pay two sets of lawyers' conveyancing fees under draft proposals for an overhaul of conveyancing services Page 2

Beef dispute

Britain will reject demands for more controls on the sale of British beef and cattle to the rest of the European Community when health ministers meet Page 2

Briton murdered

A British engineer working in Canada was killed when a gunman opened fire from a passing vehicle in Ottowa. The murder followed three other drive-by attacks on shops Page 4

Bodies identified

Four more women's bodies unearthed at 25 Cromwell Street in Gloucester have been identified Page 8

Cleaning the air

Buses and lorries are being tested with a device that traps carbon and vaporises exhaust fumes linked to breathing difficulties and asthma, a clean air conference in London was told Page 4

Casement diaries

The insatiable homosexuality of Roger Casement, hanged for treason by the British in 1916, and glorified as an Irish patriot since, is disclosed in his private diaries Page 5

More complaints

Allegations of serious injury or death against police officers rose by 52 per cent last year, while racial discrimination claims more than trebled to 291, the Police Complaints Authority said Page 8

Tornado toll 42

The death toll of the tornado that scythed through the Deep South of the United States has risen to at least 42. Almost half of those killed were attending a Palm Sunday service Page 14

Ukraine poll

Preliminary results from Sunday's elections in Ukraine suggest a strong showing for opponents of President Kravchuk Page 12

Peace talk hopes

Israel and the PLO expressed hopes of a breakthrough at talks in Cairo which could lead to full-scale negotiations Page 16

Missile threat

North Korea said that US Patriot missiles being sent to South Korea could be modified to attack it and warned of grave consequences unless the deployment was stopped Page 17

Forecasts to issue sunburn warnings

■ Weather forecasters are to issue sunburn warnings on television in an attempt to reduce the cases of skin cancer, now the second commonest form of the disease in Britain. The forecasts, only likely if the risk is high or very high, will be based on a number of factors known to affect the amount of ultra-violet radiation reaching the ground Page 7



WIN McNAMEE

Time out for the First Family as President and Mrs Clinton and daughter Chelsea joined the spectators at a basketball game at Richardson, Texas. They watched the Arkansas Razorbacks beat the Michigan Wolverines 76-68. Aide backed, page 14

BUSINESS

Investments: The future of the Personal Investment Authority was cast into further doubt when independent financial advisers were urged to delay applications to join the new regulator Page 25

Housing: Hopes of a recovery in the housing market were helped by figures from the British Bankers Association Page 25

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Football: Graham Taylor is expected to be named as manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers today, in time for their first division match against Bolton Wanderers this evening Page 48

Golf: Nick Faldo, Greg Norman and Nick Price are taking the game to new levels, claims John Hopkins, golf correspondent, in the wake of Norman's victory in the Players' Championship Page 43

Tennis: Richard Lewis, the head of Britain's coaching, responded to criticisms by Tony Pickard, the Davis Cup captain, in the wake of the defeat by Portugal Page 46

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Curing addiction: Getting patients off sleeping pills is not as difficult as was once thought. Dr Kieran Sweeney reports on a West Country experiment Page 19

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Case for the defence: Lord Mackay has created many enemies since he become Lord Chancellor. Frances Gibb gives him the chance to answer back Page 35

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Lloyd Duddridge, one of three children who will launch a court challenge to the Government over the laying of electricity cables
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MP Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of the dictator, who cast her vote on the second day of the Italian elections
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Rod Richards, the Tory MP for Clwyd North West, has pioneered the use of video-conferencing to keep in touch with his constituency
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■ Media: how Radio 5 Live went on the air. The countdown to the launch as recorded in the diary of Jenny Abramsky, head of the BBC's new station

Punishing the homeless

■ Will homeless people suffer in the new review of housing legislation? Rachel Kelly explains the Government's proposals

How can the bands play on?

■ Britain's symphony orchestras have a mountain of debt amounting to millions of pounds. How much longer can they avoid facing the music?

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Ted Harrison explores the phenomenon of stigmatics in *A Modern Miracle?* (ITV, 10.45pm most regions) Page 47

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There must still be a chance of a better deal. If the Prime Minister does not attempt to get it, he will rue the day Page 21

Johannesburg blood

De Villiers Street in Johannesburg is not the parched and remote homeland of Bophuthatswana, viewed "from afar" on television Page 21

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The debate on clean air is now being conducted in Britain more vigorously than anywhere in Europe Page 21

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PETER RIDDELL

John Major has been damaged whatever the Cabinet decides this morning. He has turned what were always going to be awkward negotiations over European enlargement and voting rights into a high risk confrontation Page 20

BERNARD LEVIN

Imagine the heavens opening for the people of the former Soviet Union, opening with showers of ambrosial foodstuffs — and then imagine these snatched away before they could get near. Who would feel anything but implacable despair? Page 20

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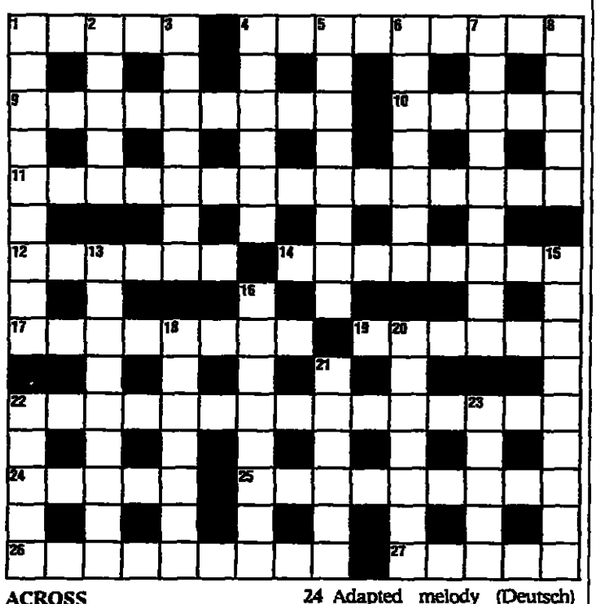
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The savings and loan scandal is like one giant snake that slithered through too much of the American political establishment and coiled itself around too many politicians
— Los Angeles Times

Even Mr Douglas Hurd isn't trying to portray the Government's new European deal as a success
— Evening Standard

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,502



ACROSS

1 Quail served cold in Madeira, for example (5).
4 Check direction of walkers' path (6-3).
9 Wrench-casters in factories, in other words? (9).
10 Got rid of black swelling on toe joint (5).
11 In this state does one have trouble picking out London bus relics, possibly? (6,9).
12 Knowing some of Cleopatra's tutelage (6).
14 They are disdainful of Priestley's dangerous angle on board (8).
17 It may be a measure of firepower (8).
19 Prawns I do perfunctorily as a starter (6).
22 Fourth or fifth, say, for the ideal break (7,8).
24 Adapted melody (Deutsch) (5).
25 Single-line caterpillar vehicle? (4-5).
26 Bonnie Prince Charlie, say, before proposal (9).
27 Sculptor's staff at home (5).

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1 Sally has sage hand-picked (9).
2 Philanthropist born in the middle of Christmas? (5).
3 Charge England's opening pair with confidence (7).
4 Birmingham handy for an Australian wild horse? (6).
5 Di leaves vague gut feeling (8).
6 Transfer funds illegally from Arundel (7).
7 Unblemished joist of hardwood (9).
8 Tibetan oxen eating North American people! (5).
13 Play patience (9).
15 Accident to one family reveals a splinter of bone (9).
16 Ditch set incorrectly — finished by sewers? (8).
18 To butter up women, be guided by the French (7).
20 A hundred-and-three's unusual even in an old city! (7).
21 Walton-on-the-Naze, possibly? (6).
22 Build in either direction (3,2).
23 Delicacy eaten through North Dakota? (5).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Jersey 12C (54F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde 0.75in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent 9 1hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Central and southern England and South Wales will be cloudy and misty, with patchy rain or drizzle, but there should be some brighter spells, especially north of the Thames Valley.

The rest of England and Wales will be bright or sunny with scattered showers.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright or sunny with blustery showers. In northern and western Scotland the showers will be heavy and more frequent, perhaps thundery, and turning to sleet or snow on hills. This afternoon and evening the showers may merge to give a spell of rain.

Windy, especially in the north. Temperatures similar to yesterday.

☐ **London, E Anglia, Midlands, S Wales:** Cloudy, misty. Patchy rain or drizzle, but some brighter spells. Wind SW, moderate. Max 12-14C (54-57F).

☐ **SE, Central S and SW England:** Cloudy, misty, especially near coasts. Patchy rain or drizzle. Wind SW, moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, IoM, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** Bright or sunny spells. Scattered showers. Wind SW, fresh to strong, max 12C (54F).

☐ **Channel Is:** Cloudy or overcast. Misty, perhaps fog. Patchy rain or drizzle. Wind SW, moderate. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Bright or sunny spells. Blustery showers, perhaps thundery, turning to sleet or snow on hills. The showers may merge to give a longer spell of rain. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 7-10C (45-50F).

☐ **N Ireland:** Bright or sunny spells. Blustery showers, possibly merging to give a longer spell of rain. Wind SW, strong to gale. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** Unsettled with rain or showers.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.6	-	7	45	c	Liverpool	0.1	0.14	8	46	r
Anglesey	-	0.06	9	48	r	London	4.5	-	11	52	b
Aspatria	2.1	0.02	9	48	r	Lowestoft	5.1	-	8	46	s
Aviemore	-	-	6	43	c	Manchester	-	0.06	9	48	r
Belfast	-	0.35	9	48	r	Margate	7.2	-	9	48	s
Birmingham	0.1	0.02	9	48	r	Minehead	0.2	0.06	10	50	r
Bognor R	3.4	-	11	52	b	Morecambe	1.1	0.07	8	46	r
Bournem'th	-	-	11	52	c	Newcastle	0.8	-	8	46	c
Bristol	0.9	0.12	10	50	r	Newquay	X				
Buxton	-	0.07	6	43	r	Norwich	4.2	-	8	46	b
Cardiff	-	0.35	9	48	r	Nottingham	0.3	0.06	9	48	r
Clacton	5.7	-	9	48	s	Penzance	-	0.37	11	52	r
Cleethorpes	X					Plymouth	-	0.47	9	48	r
Colwyn Bay	0.1	0.02	9	48	r	Poole	1.0	-	11	52	c
Cromer	4.8	-	9	48	s	Ross-o-wye	-	-	10	50	c
Dunbar	X					Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	5.3	-	9	48	b	Salcombe	-	0.18	10	50	r
Edinburgh	-	0.02	9	48	r	Sandown	3.3	-	9	48	b
Eskdalemuir	-	0.11	7	45	r	Scarin Snd	X				
Exmouth	0.1	0.09	9	48	r	Scarboro'	1.9	-	8	46	c
Falmouth	X	0.29	10	50	r	Scilly Isles	-	0.16	11	52	sh
Folkestone	9.1	-	9	48	s	Shanklin	-	X	-	9	48	b
Glasgow	-	0.22	7	45	r	Skegness	4.2	-	9	48	c
Guernsey	0.3	-	11	52	c	Southport	0.4	0.07	8	46	r
Hastings	5.9	-	8	46	s	Southsea	2.3	-	9	48	c
Hayling I.	X					Stornoway	-	0.06	7	45	r
Herne Bay	8.4	-	9	48	s	Swanage	2.4	-	10	50	c
Hove	6.5	-	9	48	s	Teignmouth	-	0.13	9	48	r
Hunstanton	3.9	-	9	48	s	Tenby	0.3	0.26	9	48	r
Isle of Man	-	0.17	8	46	r	Tiree	-	0.21	8	46	r
Jersey	4.0	-	12	54	c	Torquay	0.3	0.11	10	50	r
Kinloss	X					Tynemouth	0.8	-	8	46	c
Leeds	0.1	0.08	9	48	r	Ventnor	4.1	-	12	54	b
Lerwick	4.7	-	7	45	b	West-s-mare	0.3	X	10	50	r
Leuchars	-	0.07	7	45	r	Weymouth	1.7	0.02	10	50	r
Littlehmptn	3.6	-	9	48	b	These are Sunday's figures					

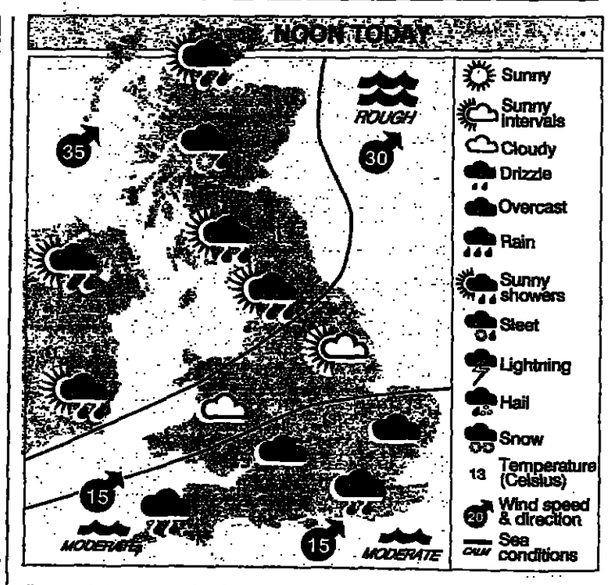
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Ajaccio	17	63	s	C'phagn	7	45	f	Madrid	20	68	s
Akrotiri	18	64	f	Corfu	16	61	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dublin	13	55	c	Malaga	17	63	s
Algiers	21	70	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	9	48	d	Faro	18	64	f	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Athens	15	59	f	Florence	16	61	f	Miami	29	84	c
Bahrain	24	75	s	Frankfurt	10	50	f	Milan	14	57	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	16	64	f	Monreal	0	32	sn
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	15	59	c	Moscow	-5	23	c
Barcelona	18	64	s	Gibraltar	19	66	f	Munich	14	57	s
Beirut	20	68	f	Helsinki	3	37	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Belgrade	11	52	f	Hong K	22	72	s	Naples	18	61	s
Berlin	9	48	s	Innsbrck	13	55	s	N Delhi	30	86	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Istanbul	8	46	f	N York	6	46	r
Biarritz	17	63	f	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	15	59	f
Borde'x	17	63	c	Jo'burg	27	81	f	Oslo	3	37	c
Brussels	12	54	f	Karachi	34	93	s	Paris	14	57	c
Budapst	6	48	f	L Palmas	19	66	c	Peking	15	59	s
B Aires	23	73	c	Le Tquet	11	52	f	Perth	22	72	s
Cairo	26	82	s	Lisbon	17	63	c	Prague	8	46	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Locarno	14	57	s	Reykjavik	4	39	r
Chicago	6	43	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Rhodes	18	64	f
Ch'church	16	61	c	Luxembg	11	52	f	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cologne	11	52	f	Luxor	31	88	d	Riyadh	26	79	s

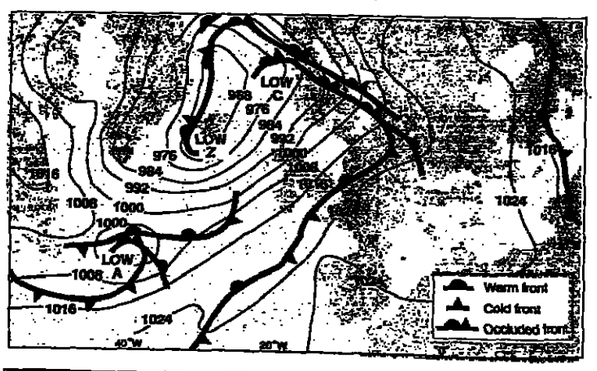
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S F'risco	13	55	s	Santiago	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	s
S Paulo	21	70	c	Seoul	3	46	f	Sydney	22	72	f
Singapor	30	86	f	Tangier	17	63	s	Tel Aviv	24	75	f
Tenerife	19	66	f	Tokyo	17	63	f	Toronto	0	32	sn
Tunis	21	70	f	Valencia	20	68	f	Vanc'ver	13	55	s
Venice	12	54	s	Vienna	9	48	s	Warsaw	3	37	f
Wash'ton	6	46	r	Wellington	20	68	c	Zurich	14	57	s

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low A will move east and deepen. Low Z and low C will be slow-moving and fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.43	7.70	3.11	7.68	Liverpool	12.01	10.08	12.22	10.19
Aberdeen	2.13	4.47	2.38	4.67	Lowestoft	10.34	2.47	10.45	2.74
Avonmouth	8.20	14.38	8.42	14.23	Margate	12.40	5.09	1.19	4.95
Belfast	--	--	12.08	3.72	Milford Haven	7.18	7 68	7.41	7.56
Cardiff	8.05	13.24	8.27	13.11	Newquay	8.08	7 6	6.31	7.5
Devonport	7.00	5.8	7.23	5.7	Oban	6 40	4.2	6.59	4.1
Dover	--	--	12.01	6.89	Penzance	5.59	5.8	6.24	5.8
Falmouth	6.30	5 6	6.53	5.5	Portland	7.58	2.3	8.23	2.2
Glasgow	1.55	4.7	2.08	5.1	Portsmouth	12.10	5.0	12.32	5.0
Harwich	12.43	4.21	1 10	4.17	Shoreham	--	--	12.19	6.81
Holyhead	11.19	6.09	11.41	5.91	Southampton	11.55	4.72	--	--
Hull	7.17	7.98	7.32	8.21	Swansea	7.21	10 42	7.42	10.26
Ilfracombe	7.04	10.11	7.25	9.98	Tees	4.39	5.72	4.58	5.86
King's Lynn	7.27	7 0	7.40	7.4	W'ton-on-Naze	12.33	4 46	1.00	4.41
Leith	3.29	5.87	3.50	6.03					

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.44 am
Sun sets: 7.28pm
Moon sets 7.22 am
Moon rises 10.46 pm

London 7.28 pm to 6.44 am
Bristol 7.39 pm to 6.53 am
Edinburgh 7.44 pm to 6.52 am
Manchester 7.38 pm to 6.50 am
Penzance 7.49 pm to 7.06 am

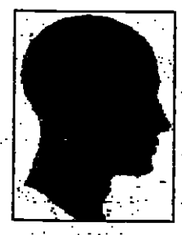
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TUESDAY MARCH 29 1994

Bonds enjoy brief surge as Opec deadlock hits oil price

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

WORLD bond prices received a welcome fillip from a sharp fall in crude oil prices yesterday after the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) failed to agree a cut in production quotas at its weekend meeting.

But the boost was short-lived as the negative mood that has gripped bond markets reasserted itself, led by a poor performance in the key US Treasury bond market.

The yield on 30-year Treasuries dipped to 6.95 per cent in morning trading on Wall Street but soon returned to 7 per cent. The Dow Jones industrial average was about 30 points down at midday. In Britain, gilt-edged stocks traded more than two full points higher, reversing most of the dramatic losses seen on Friday.

But as Treasury bonds lost their oil-inspired early gains, so gilts edged back to close around ¾-point higher. The FT-SE 100 index closed up 0.5 at 3,129, having been 20 points higher at one stage.

The trigger for bond buying early in the day came from a fall in oil prices after Opec failed to agree production quota cuts, instead freezing the prevailing production ceiling until the end of this year. In London, Brent crude for May delivery was quoted 91 cents a barrel lower at one stage at $13.20, close to the five-year lows hit in February. In New York, Nymex crude opened 78 cents lower.

The lack of an Opec agreement to cut production, with spring and summer bringing a fall in demand, is likely to mean crude prices will remain subdued and so help the world's economies expand without re-igniting inflation. This should help bond markets but, as yesterday's trading showed, they remain nervous.

There is a broad view among investors and dealers in the bond markets that the very large rise in yields since the beginning of the year has been overdone and clearly exaggerates the inflationary threat. In Britain, short sterling futures are pricing in a rise in base rates within months, despite the fact that nobody believes Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, would sanction one with the economic recovery still patchy and the two-year programme of tax increases still to hit consumers.

The US bond market was looking ahead to Friday's non-farm payroll figures for March, expected to show that the American labour market is strengthening. Concern about this figure and its implications for American interest-rate policy is likely to keep bond markets nervous this week.

A fall in German inflation in March, published yesterday, did little to counter these concerns. West Germany's consumer prices index rose by a provisional 0.2 per cent in March, giving an annual rate of 3.2 per cent against 3.4 per cent in February. Cheaper heating oil was crucial in limiting price rises. Despite these relatively encouraging figures, German government bonds came off early highs as they followed events in New York. However, hopes of lower German interest rates buoyed German shares, which rose almost 1.5 per cent.

In Milan, Italian shares, bonds and the lira surged ahead as rumours spread that a private exit poll was showing a clear election winner, raising hopes of strong leadership. The lira closed near four-week highs against the mark and electronic trading volume on the Milan bourse hit a record. The key Mibtel index closed 3.76 per cent higher.

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Advisers' boycott threatens PIA future

■ **The Personal Investment Authority is expected today to announce a substantial management restructuring and will come under strong attack in Parliament tomorrow**

By Robert Miller

THE future of the Personal Investment Authority was cast into further doubt yesterday when independent financial advisers were urged to withhold, for at least a month, their applications to join the new regulator for personal financial services. The PIA, whose chief executive is Colette Bowe, is due to start operating in mid-July. It had requested that applications be lodged by April 5.

Garry Heath, the chief executive of the National Federation of Independent Financial Advisers, said: "Our members are so worried about the credibility of the PIA that we feel they should hold onto their application forms until its future has been finalised. We would prefer that PIA became a designated agency which would be directly accountable to Parliament rather than have the Securities and Investments Board as the regulator in charge of the PIA."

The PIA, which is expected to announce today a major management restructuring, will come under strong attack in Parliament tomorrow when Labour has tabled an official motion to debate it, and financial services regulation in general. Alistair Darling, Labour's City affairs spokesman who will be winding up the debate for the opposition, said last night: "Our complaint is that the PIA is a fundamentally flawed system in which the public can have no confidence. It has taken three years to organise so far and cost £6 million and it hasn't even opened its doors for business yet."

The British Insurance and Investment Brokers' Association also yesterday voiced its concerns about PIA and in particular its costs. Ruth Rooley, director-general, said: "The principal concern is the escalation of the cost of regulation with the arrival of the PIA. An increase of up to 40 per cent in one year is expected. These costs will be passed on to the industry and in turn to clients. Firms cannot absorb this level of increase in one, or at most two, financial years and stay in business."

The mounting furore over the future of the PIA has led to calls for the immediate resignation of Joe Palmer, its chairman. Mr Heath of NFIFA said: "It's impossible for practioners in the industry, let alone the public, to have any faith in a chairman who was chief executive of Legal & General during the time that problems arose which resulted in a £400,000 fine and costs for regulatory rule breaches. Mr Palmer's position at the PIA also calls into question the judgment of the SIB's chairman Andrew Large."

Jean Eaglesham of the Consumers' Association added: "It is laughable to suggest that Mr Palmer can be called an independent chairman given his former jobs. The whole future of the PIA has become bogged down by internal squabbling between self-interest groups which has resulted in investors being left out in the cold."

PIA has received 800 applications to join, out of a prospective membership of 6,000.

Last week, the Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, announced that it would not join the PIA and had opted to be regulated directly by the SIB. The Halifax Building Society, which has yet to announce its intentions over PIA, has publicly expressed "serious reservations about the PIA".

☐ Imro, the regulator for investment fund managers, yesterday published a consultation document on proposed changes to its disciplinary process. It aims to remove the upper £1 million limit on fines and create an enforcement committee which will oversee investigations and agree settlements of disciplinary cases. It will also introduce a settlement procedure to resolve cases quicker.



Colette Bowe, PIA chief executive, asked for members applications by next week

Analysts wary of growth in new mortgages

By Robert Miller and Rose Wild

HOPES of a recovery in the housing market were helped yesterday by figures from the British Bankers Association showing a 29 per cent rise in the number of mortgages taken out in February. Building societies had already announced similar advances over the January figures.

The latest figures from the banks come at the most critical time of the year, leading up to the traditional start of the house buying season over the Easter weekend.

Although the figures show a striking increase from January's low, analysts gave warning that such increases were to be expected. James Barty, housing analyst at Morgan Grenfell said the housing market always picked up in February. "But the figures certainly do not indicate that the market is taking off. House prices remain subdued at about 3 per cent up on last year," he added.

While the societies' figures show that net new commitments rose to £2.9 billion from £1.8 billion in January, the rise over February 1993 was just 8 per cent. Mr Barty added a further note of caution: "There are two hurdles. The first is the rise in cost of fixed-rate mortgages. And there are the tax increases. . .and the drop in mortgage interest tax relief in particular."

In the past month, most of the leading lenders have replaced cheap fixed-rate mortgages with higher rates. Fixed-rate mortgages are funded with money borrowed on the wholesale money markets, where interest rates are linked to bond prices and not base rates. Bond rates have risen sharply in recent weeks.

A bone of contention between the banks and the societies is that banks enjoy much greater freedom to borrow wholesale funds. The societies are limited by statute to borrowing a ceiling of 40 per cent of their assets on the wholesale market. There are no such restrictions on banks.

Borrowing by larger societies like the Halifax is well inside the 40 per cent limit but many of the smaller societies are close to it, which has put pressure on their fixed rates and their ability to remain competitive. The Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill before Parliament could give ministers powers to raise this limit to 50 per cent.

Fraser float shares to be scaled back

SHARES in the flotation of House of Fraser, the department store group, are to be rationed on strong public demand, despite recent stock market volatility.

The public offer of 57.4 million shares was 2.2 times subscribed when the deadline for applications passed on Friday. Another 172 million shares have been placed firm with institutions. Applications for between 200 and 400 shares will be satisfied in full but larger requests will be scaled back.

The group is being floated for £413 million by Harrods Investments. The shares, priced at 180p, are expected to open at a premium.

Banks rule out 'nod and wink' references

By Margaret Dibben

BANK customers are to be told if anybody is checking up on them. The old "nod and a wink" system of bank references has been outlawed in the second edition of the banks' and building societies' code of practice, launched yesterday. Now banks can give information to outsiders, but only with clients' written authorisation.

Bankers' references are used to check whether a customer can meet payments, and are used by retailers, lenders, landlords checking on prospective tenants and motorists selling cars privately.

They have been abused by private investigators, often working for wives seeking the best divorce settlement, who went on fishing expeditions. Without a husband's knowledge, they could check whether he was good for, say, £10,000 and then £20,000 and so on until they had a clear indication of his assets.

Under the new rules, enquirers will contact a bank direct, but must first obtain the customer's written consent. Banks may charge either side.

Answers will still be coded. The enquirer asks whether the customer is "trustworthy" for a certain sum, and the bank will reply with phrases such as "respectable and considered good for your enquiry" or "respectable, but unable to speak for your figure" or "unable to speak for your enquiry".

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Barclays fights final round in US tax battle

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE 17-year legal battle between the state of California and Barclays Bank was due to enter into its final stage yesterday with a hearing before the US Supreme Court. The case is one of the most highly charged political issues in California, and its outcome will determine whether California will lose several billion dollars in tax revenues. The nine-member Supreme Court is expected to make its decision before the end of its present term in June.

If Barclays wins, it could recoup up to $30 million in back taxes, although the bank has not revealed how much it stands to gain.

The legal dispute arose out of California's unitary tax system in the 1970s, which taxed local companies — in this case a Barclays subsidiary — on the basis of a proportion of the group's worldwide earnings, rather than earnings realised in the state itself. Those in favour of the unitary tax argued that locally declared income is meaningless since multinational companies can shift funds between subsidiaries and headquarters through inter-company purchases.

Barclays is being supported by the British and other European Union governments in its attempt to see this tax declared illegal. Barclays also used to be supported by the previous Republican administrations, which rejected the right of individual states to impose unitary taxes. President Clinton, however, who made a campaign pledge to be "pro-California" on this issue, has instructed the solicitor-general to reverse the government's previous position. The stakes of the ruling are especially high for California, which stands to lose more than $4 billion if the Supreme Court decides in favour of Barclays and Colgate-Palmolive, which is a separate, but related case. Since California's public finances are stretched, the court's decision assumes utmost political importance.

Yesterday's legal argument follows a ruling by the California Supreme Court in May 1992 against Barclays. From a legal point of view, the key question will be whether the states have the right to impose specific taxes.

The question of the unitary tax was an ongoing issue in Anglo-American relations in the 1980s. The political issue of the unitary tax itself has since lost some of its heat, after California introduced an alternative tax system in 1988, whereby foreign-owned subsidiaries could opt for a so-called "water's-edge" tax assessment, which would be based solely on earnings in America. The downside is that the tax authorities would make an unusually tough assessment, based on a level of disclosure beyond what is usually required in America.

Governor Pete Wilson of California last year signed a bill modifying the "water's edge" system, addressing some British concerns, including the high fees companies have to pay to be assessed under the alternative plan.

This new legislation went far enough to avert the threat of British sanctions, but if the Supreme Court decides against Barclays, California and other states may re-introduce unitary taxes, which would heighten the likelihood of a tit-for-tat sanctions tax dispute.

Copier industry must act to avoid MMC referral

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

■ The OFT says customers are partly to blame for malpractice in the photocopier industry for failing to shop around for the best deal or leaving decisions to junior staff

SIR Bryan Carsberg, Director- General of Fair Trading, has criticised the photocopiers industry for its "extraordinary variety of malpractices".

However, his much-awaited report, published yesterday, stopped short of recommending legislative action or a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for the time being.

Sir Bryan said that cases studied by the OFT had largely showed "cunningly designed contracts in grey areas" rather than fraud or deception. However, he hung a Sword of Damocles over the industry, giving a warning that a referral to the MMC could be made early next year if it did not put its house in order.

The OFT found selling practices in the photocopier industry had been bedevilled by the "misplaced ingenuity of many dealers and leasing companies". It had resulted, Sir Bryan said, in "widespread and often serious detriment for their customers".

The most common problems, he added, involved contract periods much longer than the lives of the equipment, obscure and spiralling service charges, and costly settlement terms — not disclosed in advance — when contracts ended early.

Sir Bryan also criticised cost-per-copy arrangements that dealers and leasing companies had sometimes "turned into a one-way bet against customers".

He said that within such arrangements, minimum volume conditions had been imposed that forced high commitments on customers, while contracts were slanted strongly in favour of dealers and leasing companies.

The OFT's main recommendations yesterday were that cost-per-copy contracts should be actively discouraged, and that more transparent lease and service proposal sheets should be introduced.

Sir Bryan said the issue of transparency was central and should also be applied to the guidance notes of the Finance & Leasing Association, the leading trade body representing companies providing consumer credit, business finance and leasing.

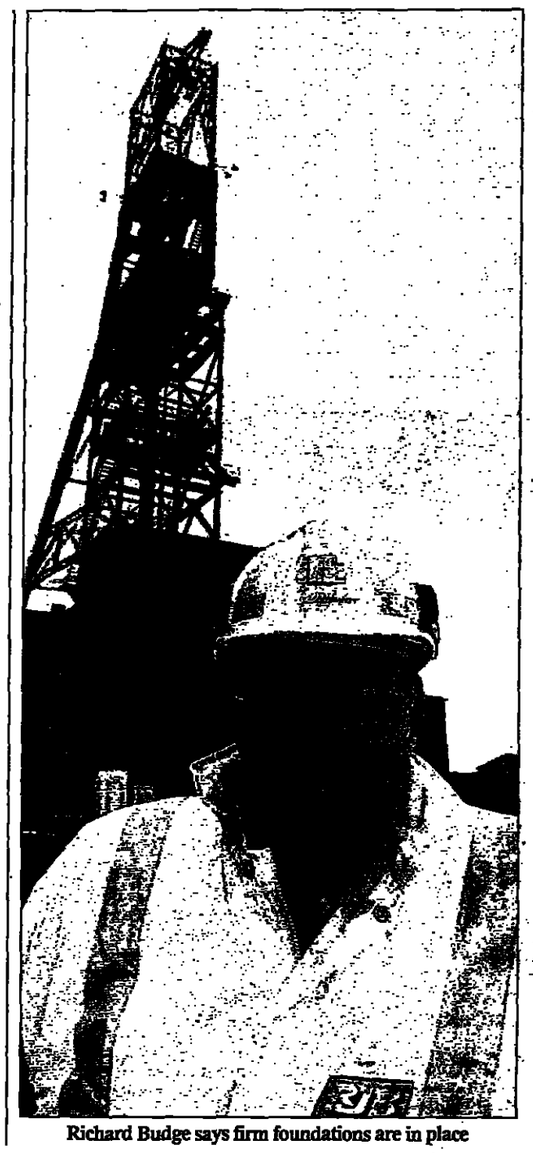
In addition, he recommended that existing contracts might be limited to five years in line with the expected working lives of copiers.

The Director-General added that his report had been influenced by the considerable steps the industry had already taken to improve selling techniques but that "much more needs to be done".

He also said customers were partly to blame for the state of affairs in the industry by failing to shop around for the best deal, and by sometimes delegating contract negotiation to junior staff. This, he added, included professional firms, whose "people one would have expected to know better".

Leading photocopier organisations such as Rank Xerox, and trade bodies such as the FLA and the Photocopier Suppliers Association, welcomed the OFT's decision to give self-regulation time to work. They are due to give their formal response to the report by the end of July.

However, the Business Advice Bureau, representing a number of companies in litigation over photocopier disputes, said: "The report does not seem to have a great deal of substance. We also think there has been more fraud than Sir Bryan suggests."



Richard Budge says firm foundations are in place

RJB waits to make more mine takeovers

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

RJB Mining, the coal company that since its flotation last May has made a number of acquisitions, and which in February raised £13.9 million through an open offer and placing, expects to make further acquisitions once British Coal is privatised.

In its first year as a quoted company, RJB reports a turnover of £74.8 million (£73.9 million) and a pre-tax profit of £12.2 million (£11 million) for the year ended December 31.

A 7p final makes a total of 12p — a 4 per cent increase over the estimated dividend outlined in the prospectus.

Profits from contracting to British Coal were lower than in 1992 but there was good turnover and profit growth from the company's licensed opencast and underground mines, which are of increasing importance. The underground Blenkinsopp colliery increased production from 145,000 tonnes to 162,000 tonnes, and is expected to raise production to more than 250,000 tonnes this year.

Clipstone Colliery was handed over to RJB on January 24, and Rossington Colliery on March 21. Last December, RJB bought the main UK businesses of Young Group, and in March acquired Monckton Coke and Chemical company from ICI.

Richard Budge, chief executive, said: "The foundations for a substantial integrated regional coal company are now in place."

Late payments of £1m close research centre

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

ONE of Britain's foremost research centres into the motor industry has crashed after being owed £300,000 by the European Commission.

The Motor Industry Research Unit, in Norwich, is world renowned and has worked for almost every big manufacturer but yesterday fell victim to late payments.

Professor Krish Bhaskar, who set up and headed MIRU, called in receivers when the unit was owed £1 million by manufacturers and the EC. One manufacturer is said to owe £600,000 after the Norwich team helped improve quality and productivity levels at a key plant but then refused to pay. Recovery of the EC debt could take a year.

Professor Bhaskar, who was in Brussels yesterday, said that the 25 staff on the MIRU team had gone without salaries for more than two months because of the lack of cash.

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, has been appointed receiver with hopes that creditors will be paid when debts are recovered.

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Government earns poor rating on pensions

FOUR in five pension fund managers rate the Government's handling of pensions as "poor to average" in a survey published this week. Only 14 per cent believe it has done a good job and none describe its performance as "excellent". The survey, in the April issue of *Pensions Management*, shows bigger schemes are most critical. More than three in five of those with more than 5,000 members rate the Government's performance as poor, or worse. Its continuing support for personal pensions is a particular bone of contention. The managers see personal pensions as a competing, if inferior, form of provision.

The Goodé report, intended to close loopholes exposed by the Robert Maxwell pensions scandal, is also criticised. Its publication last September drew praise from the industry, but many managers are now seeking drastic modification of the proposals, especially plans for a compensation scheme.

IoM ferry firm to grow

THE Isle of Man Steam Packet Company, the ferry group, is to enlarge its fleet in 1996 or 1997 and has meanwhile chartered a catamaran from Sea Containers. The group is to expand its area of operation, and has begun a Norfolk-Netherlands service. Summer passenger carryings rose in the year to December 31, for the first time in 15 years, and freight volumes were 2 per cent up, reflecting the Manx economy's strength. Pre-tax profit was £3.48 million (£3.29 million), on turnover of £25.5 million (£24.5 million). Total dividend is 11p (10p). There is to be a one-for-one bonus issue.

New chief at Ryman

BILL McGrath, the new chief executive at Pentos, stepped up his overhaul of senior management at the retail group with the appointment of a new managing director at Ryman. Ric Belfield joins from KPMG, where he is a management consultant in the retail and distribution unit. He replaces Roy Crosland, who has resigned by mutual agreement after five years with the group. Mr Crosland is expected to receive a pay-off, but the company said it would be considerably less than six figures. Last week, Joe Sinyor, a former consultant, was appointed managing director of Dillons.

Edinburgh funds up

EDINBURGH Fund Managers, the investment group, paid Invesco £985,000 in compensation following the £125 million takeover of Drayton Asia Trust, formerly managed by Invesco, in April 1993. Edinburgh, which also acquired Target Trust Managers from TSB group last year, increased total funds under management by £1.6 billion to £4 billion in 1993, including £590 million of net new money entrusted to its management. Pre-tax profits rose to £9.8 million (£4.7 million) in the year to the end of January. A final 16p is proposed, making 22p (13.5p).

4-Play calls in receiver

4-PLAY, the Preston chain of record shops, has been forced to call in the receivers, putting up to 135 jobs at risk. The company, which has 38 record shops and franchises throughout Britain, has been hit by the squeeze between static high-street spending and rising overheads, says Dermot Power, of Leonard Curtis, the receiver. Mr Power said he would run the business as a going concern until a buyer was found. He hopes to secure jobs for most of the workforce. 4-Play has an annual turnover of about £19 million from sales of records, compact discs and computer games.

Nelson Hurst ahead

NELSON Hurst, the specialist insurance broker listed last December, beat prospectus forecasts with pre-tax profits up 276 per cent to £5.31 million in the year to December 31. Total revenues were £39.8 million (£34.5 million), as brokerage revenues rose 17 per cent to £36.7 million. Operating profits advanced 91 per cent to £7.2 million. Pro-forma pre-tax profits were £6.9 million, against a forecast £6.8 million. Earnings jumped to 16.6p (3.4p) a share. Pro-forma earnings per share were 10.2p (10p forecast). There is no dividend for 1993, as stated in the prospectus.

Headlam sales ahead

HEADLAM Group, the acquisitive fabric and floor-covering distribution company, said sales were 6.5 per cent ahead of budget in March. Pre-tax profits rose to £3.65 million from £1.11 million in 1993, with earnings of 8p a share from 3.6p. There is a final dividend of 2.35p a share, making 3.20p for the year, up from 2.6p. Ian Kirkham, chief executive, said the market continued to show signs of a gentle recovery but the group was concentrating on enhancing margins through capital investment. Turnover rose 82 per cent to £107 million last year.

British Gas set to double Northern Irish investment

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

BRITISH Gas is doubling its investment in Northern Ireland to £300 million to extend its pipeline network with a 135 kilometre link between Dumfries and Galloway on Scotland's west coast and Ballylumford power station, County Antrim, by August 1996.

Bob Brown, acting director for power generation, said the decision fitted British Gas's worldwide strategy of being directly involved in gas-fired power generation.

However, lack of progress in talks on the future use of a key North Sea pipeline has prompted fears among industrial users that the Government has adopted a "Fortress Britain" policy, favouring indigenous producers.

With the proposed "interconnector" gas pipeline between England and Belgium still under study, Britain's only link to the European network is the pipeline from eastern Scotland to the Frigg field straddling the British and Norwegian sectors of the North Sea.

Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, has called for a single European market in gas. But the Government's stand on Frigg suggests it wants to maximise activity on the UK continental shelf rather than foster an open market.

A Government demand to Norway that the Frigg treaty be linked to plans for a proposed "interconnector" has been rejected by Oslo. Talks aimed at updating the Frigg treaty show no signs of an early agreement. Britain is demanding that Norwegian gas producers, who have reached substantial deals with National Power and United Gas, and held discussions with British Gas, commit themselves to ship a fixed volume of gas through Britain to continental Europe.

The £300 million interconnector, with its annual capacity of 15 billion cubic metre, was to allow Britain to export its own gas. But increasing use of gas for power generation will reduce the availability of British gas for export. Norwegian gas would help plug the gap and cover the cost.

John Baker, chief executive of National Power, said the Government's objectives remained "mysterious".

Alert over BAe stake rule

FOREIGN ownership of British Aerospace has reached 29 per cent of the group's equity (Colin Campbell writes).

The group has, therefore, warned potential foreign investors that they must not step over the 29.5 per cent to which rules limit them. If they do, those surplus shareholdings will be sold to cut the foreign interest, BAe said.

A restriction of 15 per cent foreign ownership was introduced in 1984. In August, 1989, the limit was raised to 29.5 per cent.

BAe yesterday said it would welcome removal of the foreign ownership clause, imposed by government because of BAe's importance as a defence equipment manufacturer.

The share register suggests that most overseas shareholders are American investors.

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☐ Sir David calls for Westland talks ☐ Greed destabilises oil prices ☐ Regulator has few friends

The GKN and Westland divide

☐ WESTLAND'S defence salvo was worth a blue mark of 7½p against its share price yesterday which, at 325p, is registering a premium of 35p over GKN's 290p terms. Every arb and his aunt knows that, in the exceedingly near future, such terms will be raised. The question is: by how much?

Bearing in mind that Sir David Lees, GKN's chairman, has spent recent weeks informing a host of fund managers that he has no intention of paying over the odds for Westland's conception of its order prospects, the answer is probably: not a lot.

Westland, to its credit, did not resort to kitchen sink tactics, the forecast of a 15 per cent rise in 1993-94 pre-tax profits to £35 million — excluding the £15 million profit from litigation against the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation — being in line with analysts' expectations.

A dividend of 4.75p (4.5p) is forecast for the current year with a "special" interim dividend of 5p promised in 1994-95 in respect of the AOI profits. Westland, by way of a little aeronautics, highlights GKN's proposal to retain the first £82 million of any net AOI proceeds and argues that if GKN assumes net proceeds of this amount, the offer is effectively reduced by 45p to 245p. Just in case shareholders have failed to get the gist, the message is "continue to ignore GKN's wholly inadequate offers".

GKN retorts that Westland's forecast of higher profits largely reflects a "one-off" property sale, with operating profits actually forecast to decline by £500,000 to £35 million despite the fact that last year's £6 million worth of redundancy and restructuring costs should have benefited performance. Fully diluted earnings — excluding AOI and property profits — are perceived as "static at best". Robust stuff although, in retaliation to Westland's AOI aeronautics, the somewhat less robust return of fire is that there is "no certainty" of any further AOI receipts. GKN, which describes Westland's defence package as "disappointing" in its entirety, finds it particularly disappointing that £10 million is provided against future litigation which has already lasted 13 years. Westland's chairman, Alan Jones, calmly counters that Westland is pursuing a £385 million claim in several countries and litigation comes expensive.

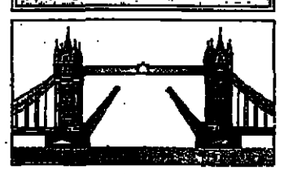
Jones stresses that Westland's success "depends critically" on the motivation of management, which "would not be achieved if they became divisional managers of a much larger group". Are we to conclude that Jones & Co will fall on their swords if GKN wins control? The answer, in a word, appears to be "no". Swords still in scabbards.

Sir David, it would appear, is not averse to a deadline "tête-à-tête" with Jones, who goes so far as to say that he is willing to hear what Sir David has to say. The problem is that neither has much in common. Jones presumably prescribes to the UBS view of 360p upwards, while GKN's range is nearer 320p/330p.

Opec gives up, for the moment

☐ EVEN Opec now thinks it is ineffective. Weekend delegates at Geneva reminisced nostalgically about the days when they could hold the industrial world to ransom, and the world's poor with it. Now, it seems, they can only hold themselves to ransom. The sole big price jump of recent years was triggered by one Opec

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member invading another. Opec's loss of power stems from the West's rush to develop non-Opec oil after the shocks of the 1970s. If Opec rations itself in an effort to raise prices, its members lose more market share and the cartel itself thereby loses more power to influence prices in years ahead. As Opec loses power, its members lose faith in it and cheat even more than some always did. So senior members who feel some need to keep their word, most notably Saudi Arabia, become even less willing to agree quota cuts they suspect will end up hurting them more than others.

For Opec, this is a vicious circle, compounded by new oil provinces opening and former Communist producers joining the market system. This cycle cannot be reversed while the world economy remains in the doldrums. Come a spectacular boom, Opec could be back in business — at least for a while. It could ration output without cuts, pushing the world price up more than it would rise in any case, in turn spawning a further rush to sink non-Opec wells that are only fully economic above, say, $20 a barrel.

The urge to exploit such a boom, which is not even on the horizon at the horizon, might prove irresistible, though the Saudis resisted it last time. Yet if Opec's leaders sit back, they will see that, even over such a cycle, their only power is to destabilise prices. The seizure and decline of power over the past 21 years have left oil prices almost the same in real terms. Yesterday's $13.20 quotation for May Brent crude has been seen twice before in recent months. It could yet go lower in the short run, before economic recovery raises underlying demand.

Further falls would be welcomed in the West, where low commodity prices are seen as a help in keeping inflation low. Yet there is a deeper common interest in stability. The West does not want to destroy its Middle East and emerging markets. Many leading Opec producers are suffering only because munificent budgets were set on the basis of $20 oil and the Gulf can undercut most other producers. Their long-term interest is therefore to keep prices down in a boom in order to discourage the next round of competition.

In practice, it's a bodged job

☐ SIR GORDON Downey, the classic clean-hands outsider, was ousted from the chair of the nascent Personal Investment Authority because his consensual approach to setting it up was taking too long. Indeed, some feared it might be delayed indefinitely, precisely because there never has been a consensus over the new regulator. Joe Palmer, his successor from Legal & General, has speeded things up efficiently as agent of the Securities and Investments Board. But arm-twisting does not seem to be proving wholly effective either.

The biggest life insurer will not join. Many others share its views. At the other extreme, independent financial advisers, though in a much weaker position, are being urged to resist. They fear domination by the insurers and complain of extra bureaucratic costs. They will not be put in a better temper if Godfrey Jillings, their own existing regulator at Fimbra, is a victim of the latest bout of the internal politics that seem to thrive so vigorously at the PIA before it is even in business.

To make matters worse, the exposed position of Mr Palmer, a decent man pushed into a corner by the fine on L&G, has given more weight to brokers' and insurers complaints that the PIA lacks credibility, being accountable neither directly to the public nor to the industry. Mr Palmer's embarrassment will doubtless receive an exaggerated airing in the Commons tomorrow. But it is only a symptom. Sadly, even the chairman's head on a platter would not restore faith that has yet to be earned.

The case for the PIA has always been practical: to remove damaging regulatory overlap, improve finances and restore public confidence. So far, it looks a bodged job.



ASHLEY COOMBES

Peter Walley, left, finance director, and Stuart Lyons, chief executive, with historical figures Royal Doulton produces

Far East growth boosts Scholl

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

STRONG growth in the Asia Pacific region helped Scholl, the personal healthcare products group, offset the tough economic conditions gripping many of the group's continental European markets.

A combination of acquisitions, new products and modest organic growth allowed pre-tax profits to climb 3.8 per cent to £16.7 million in the year to December 31, on turnover, boosted by acquisition, ahead 13.6 per cent to £171.9 million.

Neil Franchino, chief executive, said UK operations were sluggish, with retail sales at the group's 75 stores relatively flat and disappointing footwear sales to the trade. But an improvement is expected in the current year after "a more promising start" and proposed new product launches.

The Asia Pacific region was the star performer, growing 20 per cent in 1993 and contributing £19.4 million to group sales. Mr Franchino said the region is on target for "much further growth", putting it on course to become the group's second biggest market, after the UK, in 1994.

In spite of ongoing harsh trading conditions, Mr Franchino is confident of continuing progress in the current year. Gordon Stevens, chairman, said: "In 1994, we anticipate continuing vigorous growth in the Asia Pacific economies and improvement in the UK trading climate, but lacklustre environments in continental Europe."

Earnings edged up to 12.7p (12.1p) a share. The total dividend is increased to 6.4p (6.3p) for the year, with an improved final payout of 3.8p (3.7p). The shares dipped 2p to 183p.

Westland pledges special payout

BY NEIL BENNETT

WESTLAND, the helicopter manufacturer that is fighting a hostile bid from GKN, yesterday promised to pay its shareholders special dividends from the proceeds of its legal action against the Arab Organisation for Industrialisation, starting with a 5p a share handout next year.

The promise is contained in the defence document of Britain's last independent maker of helicopters, which also forecasts profits of £50 million in the current year, up from £30.5 million in 1993. But this includes property disposals and the proceeds of the AOI litigation. Westland admits that its underlying profits are set to fall by £500,000 to £35 million, since it will deliver only one helicopter this year. The group is also forecasting a 6 per cent increase in its normal dividend to 4.75p.

Westland says it will share out £10 million of the first £25 million it has collected in its £385 million dispute with the AOI. The rest will cover future legal costs and taxation.

Westland's proposal contrasts with GKN's plan to keep the first £82 million it might collect from the AOI and only share out anything above that. The defence document repeated the argument that GKN is trying to buy it cheaply at the low point of its order cycle.

Sir David Lees, GKN's chairman, said: "We find it remarkable that Westland could provide nothing more at this stage in the bid."

Westland's shares rose 7.5p to 325p after the news of the special dividend and the forecast, against GKN's 290p a share bid. GKN has a week to produce its final offer.

Restyled Pearson hunts acquisitions

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

■ After the divestment of non-core businesses Pearson is free to consider acquisitions to enhance its media interests, particularly outside Britain

PEARSON, the newly styled media conglomerate, is looking for acquisitions to expand its businesses, particularly in Asia and North America, although no deals are imminent.

Lord Blakenham, chairman, said that the group had "the fire power" to make substantial acquisitions after the demerger of Royal Doulton and the disposal of its majority shareholding in Camco, the oil services company. He said that these disposals, and the acquisition of Thames Television and Extel during the year, had laid the foundations for "a successful and exciting growth strategy".

Pre-tax profits rose by 38 per cent, from £151 million to £209 million, in the year to December 31 on sales up 14 per cent, from £1.63 billion to £1.87 billion. Frank Barlow, the managing director, said that the group was now more operationally-geared after tight control of costs. About 300 jobs have been cut in continuing businesses during the year and this is expected to deliver annual savings of £4.7 million.

The bottom line was boosted by the writeback of a £71.4 million unused provision on the group's investment in BSkyB. However, this was largely offset by a £68.4 million book loss, including goodwill, on the disposal of Camco. Pearson has also taken a £20 million charge against operating profit to cover the fall in value of the London headquarters of The Financial Times. It believes that the value has suffered permanent diminution in the property slump.

Operating profits rose across the group. The newspaper division, which includes *The Financial Times*, *The Economist* and *Les Echos*, a French financial newspaper, lifted profits 54 per cent, from £31.1 million to £48 million. Lazard Brothers also increased profits 54 per cent, from £23.7 million to £36.4 million, because of a recovery in corporate finance activity.

A six-months contribution from Thames, which was acquired for £100 million last June, boosted television profits from £3.2 million to £13.7 million. Mr Barlow said that Thames now supplies 42 per cent of prime-time television on the ITV network. The group's 17.5 per cent stake in BSkyB is also starting to pay off, with a first time contribution of £6.9 million.

Record attendances at Alton Towers saw the profits of Pearson's visitor attractions arm rise to £15.8 million, from £12.2 million. A new hotel is planned at Alton Towers to meet demand for overnight stays.

The books division also had a good year, with profits up to £102.4 million (£80.4 million).

Lord Blakenham said that 1994 had started well, but that it would be a year of transition. A final dividend of 7.625p (6.625p) makes the year's total 13p (12p), a rise of 8 per cent and ahead of analysts' expectations.

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Sales up at Royal Doulton

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ROYAL Doulton, the fine china business spun off from Pearson last December, reported a 6.4 per cent rise in operating profits bolstered by strong Christmas trading.

Operating profits before the Pearson management charge and demerger costs rose to £11.6 million, from £10.9 million, in the year to December 31. However, this is still some way below results achieved before the recession. The one-off charges depressed the bottom line, with pre-tax profits down from £3.9 million to £3 million. The maiden final dividend is 3p, as forecast at the time of the public listing. The company said that if demerger had been on January 1, 1993, the year's total dividends would have been 6.6p.

Sales rose to £222 million, from £201 million, boosted by economic recovery in the company's major markets of Britain and North America. Demand was particularly strong in December, with sales up 15 per cent.

Sales in the first ten weeks of the current financial year are comfortably ahead of last year. The company said that it is confident about 1994, and believes that it is entering a period of sustainable recovery.

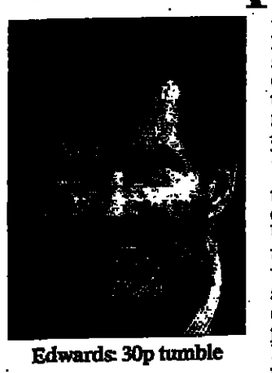
United shares pay the penalty

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

SHARES in Manchester United, led by Martin Edwards, did their customary tumble to the turf after the team's 3-1 defeat by Aston Villa in Sunday's Coca-Cola Cup Final at Wembley, losing 4 per cent of their value.

The shares dropped 44p early in the day and closed 30p down at 639p as the bookies also revealed a surge in bets for Manchester United to win nothing this season. (They are still top of the Premier League and play Oldham in the FA Cup semi-final.)

Yesterday's sliding tackle on the stock market mirrored the reaction after the team's dismissal from the European Cup by Galatasary of Turkey last November. Then the shares dropped 46p to 541p, and estimates of what the team had lost by failing to progress ranged between £2 million and £6 million.



Edwards: 30p tumble

However, the company yesterday believed the pessimism had been ... overplayed. A source said: "Let's put this in context. A very thin market in the shares exaggerates price movements. Today just 30,000 shares were traded. Out of 12,163,000. That's 0.2 per cent.

"The market has also not twigged that by not winning on Sunday there were no win bonuses for the players and that is a substantial saving to the company. The team is also still in with a very good shout of qualifying for the two most prestigious tournaments, the European Cup and the European Cup Winners Cup. Even if they missed those their league position would almost unquestionably get them in the UEFA Cup."

However, investors in that other haven of short-termism, the bookmakers, are less optimistic, says Ladbroke. After the Coca-Cola result, odds on United losing all three domestic trophies have narrowed from 12-1 to 9-2. A spokesman said: "That's where the money has been coming in, with a number of bets for a few hundred pounds."

The odds on the Reds doing the remaining double are unchanged at even money. It all seems a far cry, or far Cantona, from the situation at Christmas when the bookmakers were refusing further bets on United winning the Premiership title. At that stage there were 15 points of daylight between them and the nearest rivals, Blackburn Rovers. Now it is three.

For United it has certainly been a season of two halves.

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Shares take another roller-coaster ride

HOARE Govett, the securities house recently regarded as a bear of equities, is adopting a more bullish stance and is understood to be raising its year-end FT-SE 100 forecast from 3,300 to 3,500.

The move is believed to have been prompted by the recent heavy falls endured by the equity market. The FT-SE 100 index has tumbled by more than 390 points, or 11.1 per cent, since it peaked at 3,520.3 last month. Hoare is thought to have taken a more positive view in the wake of better corporate results, especially where stronger dividends are concerned, and a feeling that negative sentiment in the bond market has been overdone.

Meanwhile, it was another roller-coaster ride for equity investors. Shares started the new account with an intial mark-down after Friday's heavy falls in New York, then a bond rally and firmer futures helped lift the cash market. But renewed initial weakness on Wall Street and reduced gains for bonds dampened sentiment in London, with gains virtually wiped out by the close. Numerous ex-dividend shares also took a toll. The FT-SE 100 index finished up 0.5 at 3,129.5. Second liners fared somewhat better, with the FT-SE Mid 250 index adding 10.5 to 3,785.7. Volume was again thin, only reaching 516.9 million.

Some oil shares were unsettled after the decision over the weekend by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to keep the current production ceiling unchanged

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until the end of the year. Among those hit by fears of continued overproduction, **BP** slid 7p to 366p, while **Enterprise** fell 12p to 407p, ex-dividend.

Insurances saw early weakness after suggestions that some companies were boosting profits by avoiding payment of valid claims. But shares going ex-dividend played a bigger role, as **Legal & General** lost 15p to 483p, **Prudential** 14p to 312p and **Sun Alliance** 6p to 337p.

Elsewhere, **Glaxo** was on offer, slipping 4p to 621p amid growing fears about competition for Zantac, its best-selling ulcer treatment. A new treatment involving Losec, made by Astra of Sweden, has been licensed in the UK and becomes available today.

Westland, currently fighting off a £500 million bid from GKN, climbed 7½p to 325p after publishing its defence document. Westland again urged shareholders to reject the 290p a share offer from GKN, emphasising its strong order book. GKN, down 3p to 551p, claimed there was "little substance" to the defence document.

Shares in **Manchester United** stumbled 30p to 639p following the football club's surprise defeat in the Coca-Cola Cup final on Sunday.

An unexpected increase in final dividend after a better than expected performance lifted **Pearson**, publisher of *The Financial Times* and owner of Madame Tussauds and Penguin books, 31p to 666p.

Shareholders at **Inchcape**, down 37p at 515p, found little to cheer, with full-year figures at the lower end of City forecasts.

Blagden Industries tumbled 26p to 127p after announcing plans to raise up to £20 million by way of a rights issue before the end of May. The news came on the day the group revealed a slide into the red and no dividend.

Robert Wiseman Dairies made its market debut, ending at 103p, against a £1 placing price.

□ GILT-EDGED: Gilts failed to hold all of their gains. The future was ahead by £1½ but fell back after Wall Street opened. The June series of the long future ended up 20 ticks to £106$^{11}/_{32}$. In the cash market, gains stretched to £1 at the longer end.

□ WALL STREET: Computer sell programs, a return of the long bond yield to seven per cent and a decline in oil shares again pushed equities sharply lower. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 34.84 points lower at 3,739.90. Declining issues led advancing shares 16 to five. The decline hit many cyclicals and most high technology stocks. The long bond was up $^{7}/_{32}$.

PHILIP PANGALOS

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Where prospects please, and only bears are vile

The pattern of the markets yesterday showed that there are still long positions out there, whose holders are selling into strength. This cash shortage is, in fact, a normal symptom of economic recovery, though it always seems to take the markets by surprise. In London, it is intensified this year by the drain of private investors' cash into the energy utilities, where VAT-beating payments promise an effective 29 per cent return for high rate taxpayers. You might say that the market is accident-prone as well as greedy.

It is anybody's guess how long it will be before this technical hitch is cleared; the bottom of a bear market is as hard to time as the top of a bull market. But for those who missed the top, and have shown more sense than to sell into panic, here are some facts to set against all the market-led nonsense you may have read on Sunday. Some forecasts too: economists have red faces at the moment, but even at their worst they are not half as silly as the manic-depressives who read the real world future from recent price movements. Relax over Easter.

First, inflation, where the nonsense is most stupefying. One poor month, following a very good one, is never a trend-bending event; it usually turns out to be faulty seasonal adjustment. On this occasion, however, one can pin down the special factors. Clothing prices rose sharply; the usual fashion industry try-on after the sales season. This "shock" has been an annual even in the US for so long that nobody takes any notice. The holiday industry also tried to claw back some lost margins; price war has broken out again. Oh yes; and used car prices ticked up.

The US, more than a year ahead of us in the cycle, remains the best guide: still no visible sign of inflation, and especially not of wage inflation. The US, and indeed all Europe, remains in the grip of consumer-led disinflation, inspired by corporate labour-shedding. Remember that none of this was foreseen by the economists, let alone the markets; that is why news of falling inflation has been such a constant source of nice surprises. One minor disappointment does not alter the underlying picture.

Then there is sterling. The fact that long-term interest rates have risen more sharply here than in the US, where the trouble started, suggests that the market now regards sterling as vulnerable, and the awful current account figures make this view look quite prudent. But there is a paradox here: part of the deficit is due to the fact that British costs are so competitive. Inward investment by the Japanese, BMW, Mercedes and all the lesser players means large imports of capital equipment, which look bad but promise better trade figures in future. The same thing happened in the late 1970s. Foreign oil rigs arrived in fleets to develop the North Sea, but nobody noticed. The figures caused a sterling crisis, followed by a rise that squeezed British manufacturing nearly to death.

The cost figures still show that the pound is keenly valued; and while an industrially well-connected Chancellor should want to ensure that it stays competitive, there is no clear case for pushing it down. Remember, too, that we are ahead of Europe in the recovery cycle. This is by far our biggest market and supplier, so getting out of step is bound to lead to bad trade figures. But then the Budget judgment falls into place. We should be slowing down just as much of Europe begins to pick up speed. That will be the time to judge the trade trends.

That should bring foreign economies to your attention; and there is no better way to cheer up. Spring is beginning to appear almost everywhere. The US recovery is slowing to a sustainable pace, but not stopping. Japan seems to have passed the worst; previous problem economies, from Argentina to Poland (not to mention Hong Kong) are showing a solid, non-inflationary strength which you would not expect if you read only the security prices. And in Europe as a whole, growth should pick up by a full percentage point this year, and another next, with no more negative numbers anywhere. So cheer up.

Holliday to buy Reckitt Colours

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

HOLLIDAY Chemical Holdings is buying Reckitt Colours International for £52 million. The group is launching a £36 million rights issue to partly fund the deal.

RCI, owned by Reckitt & Colman, is the leading global maker of ultramarine pigment for industrial use, and operates from bases in Hull and Lancashire in Britain, and Comines in France.

Last year it made profits before tax of £6.2 million on sales of £29.4 million.

Reckitt & Colman, the toiletries-to-foods group, whose products include Dettol antiseptic and Colman's mustard, said the business no longer fitted with its main consumer goods strategy.

It said it would use the proceeds to reduce net indebtedness, which at the end of 1993 stood at £216 million.

Holliday Chemical Holdings, based in Huddersfield, makes colours and speciality chemicals for industrial use. Its rights issue is on the basis of one share for every four held, at 180p a share. The share price dipped 9p to 201p yesterday.

The balance of the acquisition price will be financed by bank borrowings. Michael Peagram, chairman and chief executive of Holliday Chemical Holdings, said Reckitt Colours International was an excellent fit, with a strong worldwide market and good growth potential.



Micheal Peagram sees RCI as an excellent fit

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4964 (+0.0002)
German mark .... 2.5030 (+0.0069)
Exchange index .... 80.2 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

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FT-SE 100 .... 3129.5 (+0.5)
Dow Jones .... 3739.90 (-34.84)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19941.79 (+105.31)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5¼%
US Federal Funds 3½%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.51-3.49%*
Long Bond 7.00%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
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$:Yen . 104.07*	£:Yen 156.13
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London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 390.90 .... PM 389.25
Close 388.90-389.40
New York:
Comex 390.15-390.65*

OIL
Brent Crude ..... $13.20 per bbl (May)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI, 142.1 Feb (2.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

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	Mar 28 midday	Mar 25 close
AMP Inc	62¾	61¼
AMR Corp	60¾	60
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	55	55
Ahmanson (HF)	17¼	17½
Air Prod & Chem	46	48¼
Albertson's	29	29½
Alcan Aluminm	23½	23¼
Alco Standard	55½	55½
Allied Signal	36½	38¼
Alum Co of Am	75½	76¼
Amax Gold Inc	7¼	8
Amerada Hess	47¼	49½
Amer Brands	30¾	30½
Amer Cyanamid	46½	48
Amer El Power	31½	31¼
Amer Express	29½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	28½	28¼
Amer Home Pr	58¼	58
Amer Intl	83½	83¼
Amer Stores	52¼	53
Amer T & T	52½	52¾
Ameritech	39¾	39½
Amoco	53½	54½
Anheuser-Busch	52½	52¼
Apple Computer	32½	32½
Archer Daniels	25½	25½
Arkla	7½	7½
Armco	5½	5½
Armstrng Wrld	54¼	54½
Asarco	25½	25½
Ashland Oil	43¼	43½
Atl Richfield	98¼	101
Auto Data Pro	53½	53½
Avery Dennison	28½	28½
Avon Products	57	57¼
Baker Hughes	18½	19½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	33½	33½
BankAmerica	41¼	41¼
Bank of NY	52	52½
Bankers Tr NY	70½	70½
Barnett Banks	44½	45¼
Bausch & Lomb	47¼	47½
Baxter Intl	23¼	23½
Becton Dickson	39½	39½
Bell Atlantic	54½	54½
BellSouth	56	55½
Black & Decker	22	22
Block (H&R)	44½	46
Boeing	45½	45½
Boise Cascade	25½	25½
Borden Inc	13½	14
Bristol Myrs Sq	51½	51½
Browning Ferris	26½	27¼
Brunswick	21½	22½
Burlington Nthn	61½	63
CBS	317½	320
CNA Financial	65½	65½
CPC Intl	47½	47¼
CSX	83½	85½
Campbell Soup	38½	38¼
Can Pacific	16½	16½
Cptl Cities ABC	702½	700
Cptl Holdings	32½	32½
Carolina Pwr	26½	26½
Caterpillar	113½	116½
Central & SW	25	25½
Champion Intl	29½	29¼
Chase Manhat	33	33½
Chemical Bk	36¼	37¼
Chevron Corp	87½	89¼
Chrysler	53½	53½
Chubb Corp	71½	71½
Cigna Corp	62¼	62½
Citicorp	37½	37½
Clorox	50¼	51½
Coastal Corp	32¼	33½
Coca Cola	41½	41½
Colgate-Palmolive	59	59½
Columbia Gas	28½	28¼
Commonw Ed	25½	25½
Compaq Comp	96½	99½
Comp Ass Intl	32	36
Conagra	27	27
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	42¼	42½
Cons Rail	60½	60½
Cooper Inds	39½	39½
Corning Inc	32½	32½
Crown Cork	39½	39½
Dana Corp	60½	61
Dayton Hudson	73½	74¼
Deere	84½	84½
Delta Air Lines	47½	47¼
Deluxe Corp	31	31½
Detroit Edison	27½	27½
Digital Equip	31½	31
Dillard Dept St	34½	34½
Disney (Walt)	44½	45
Dominion Res	40½	40¼
Donelley (RR)	29	28½
Dover Corp	64½	64
Dow Chemical	64	64¼
Dow Jones	40½	40½
Dresser	22¼	24½
Duke Power	37	37½
Dun & Bradstreet	60½	61
Du Pont	55½	56½
Eastman Kodak	44½	44¼
Eaton Corp	60¼	60½
Emerson Elec	61½	62
Engelhard Corp	28½	29½
Enron Corp	30¼	32½
Entergy	32½	32
Ethyl Corp	12½	12½
Exxon	65½	65½
FMC Corp	48½	48
FPL Group	33½	33½
Federal Express	69½	69½
Fed Nat Mtge	80¼	81½
First Chicago	48½	49½
First Interstate	76½	77½
First Union Rlty	8	8½
Fleet Finl Grp	36½	36½
Fluor Corp	49¼	49½
Ford Motor	60¼	60¼
GTE Corp	31½	31¼
Gannett	54½	55
Gap Inc Del	45½	47
Gen Dynamics	86½	88
Gen Electric	102½	102½
Gen Mills	56½	55½
Gen Motors	58½	56½
Gen Reinsurance	106½	106½
Gen Signal	35	35½
Genuine Parts	36½	36½
Georgia Pac	65½	67¼
Gillette	63½	63½
Glaxo ADR	18½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	43½	43½
Goodyear Tire	41½	41½
Grace (WR)	42¼	42½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	26½	26½
Great Wstn Fin	17½	17½
Halliburton	30½	33½
Harcourt General	32½	33½
Heinz (HJ)	33½	33½
Hercules	118½	118½
Hershey Foods	48½	46
Hewlett Packard	83	84½
Hilton Hotels	65½	64½
Home Depot	42½	43½
Homestake Mng	22¼	22½
Honeywell	34½	35½
Household Intl	31½	31½
Houston Inds	35½	36½
Humana	20¼	21½
ITT Corp	80¼	81½
Illinois Tool	43¼	43½
INCO	25	25
Ingersoll Rand	38	38½
Inland Steel	33	33½
Intel Corp	67¼	69½
IBM	52½	54
Intl Flav & Fr	37	36½
Intl Paper	68½	68½
James River Va	18½	18½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38½	38½
Kellogg	49½	50
Kerr-McGee	45½	46½
Kimberly-Clark	55½	55½
Kmart	18½	19½
Knight-Ridder	60	60½
Lilly (Eli)	51½	52½
Limited Inc	21½	22
LIN Brdcstng	111½	112
Lincoln Nat	40¼	41½
Litton	31	31½
Liz Claiborne	23½	24½
Lockheed Corp	66½	66½
Louisiana Pac	38½	39½
MCI Commun	23½	24½
Marriott Int	29½	29¼
Marsh & McLen	84½	84½
Masco Corp	37¼	33½
May Dept St	42	42½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McCaw Cellular	50½	50¼
McDonalds	58½	58½
McDonnell D	111½	114½
McGraw Hill	70½	70
Mead Corp	42¼	42½
Medtronic	82½	82½
Mellon Bk	56½	57½
Melville Corp	37½	37½
Merck Inc	30½	30½
Merrill Lynch	39½	40
Minnesota Mine	99½	100
Mobil Corp	76½	78½
Monsanto	79¼	79½
Morgan (JP)	63½	63½
Motorola Inc	101½	101½
Natl Medical	17½	17½
Natl Semi	20½	21¼
Natl Service Ind	26½	26½
Navistar Int	24½	24½
NBD Bancorp	28½	28½
NY Times A	27½	27½
Newmont Mng	58½	58½
Niag Mohawk	17½	18
Nike B	55½	55½
NL Industries	8	8
Nordstrom	42½	43½
Norfolk Sthrn	66½	67¼
Nthn State Pwr	41½	41¼
Norwest Corp	24½	24½
Nynex Corp	35½	35½
Occidental Pet	17½	17½
Ohio Edison	19½	19½
Oracle Systems	31	33¼
Oryx Energy Co	16½	16¾
Owens Corning	38¼	38½
PNC Financial	27½	27½
PPG Industries	75½	76½
Paccar Inc	52¼	54½
Pacificorp	18	18
Pac Enterprises	21½	22¼
Pac Gas & Elect	30½	30½
Pac Telesis	54½	54½
Pall Corp	16½	16½
Panhandle East	21½	21¼
Parker Hannifin	37½	38½
Peco Energy	27½	27¼
Penney (JC)	55	56½
Pennzoil	51½	53¼
Pepsico	37	37½
Pfizer	55¼	56½
Phelps Dodge	55½	55½
Philip Morris	50	51½
Phillips Pet	28½	28
Pitney Bowes	43½	43½
Polaroid	31½	32
PriceCostco	18	18½
Procter & Gmbl	54	55¼
Pub Serv E & G	28	28½
Quaker Oats	62½	62
Ralston Purina	44½	44½
Raychem Corp	39¼	39½
Raytheon	65¼	65¼
Reebok Intl	34½	34½
Reynolds Metals	49½	50¼
Roadway Srvcs	70½	70½
Rockwell Intl	38½	40
Rohm & Haas	56½	56½
Royal Dutch	101	101¼
Rubbermaid	28½	29
Safeco Corp	54½	54½
St Paul's Cos	78½	78½
Salomon Inc	49½	50½
Santa Fe Pac	24½	24½
Sara Lee Corp	21½	21½
Scecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	57½	57
Schlumberger	55½	57½
Scott Paper	42	43½
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	45½	46
Shell Trans	59½	59½
Sherwin Wllms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	22½	23¼
Snap-On-Tools	40¼	40½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Sthwestern Bell	40½	40¼
Sprint Corp	33½	34½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	34½	34½
Sun Microsys	26½	27¼
Suntrust	46¼	44½
Supervalu	34½	34½
Syntex Corp	14½	14¼
Sysco Corp	26½	26½
TRW Inc	72½	72¼
Tandem Comp	14½	14¼
Tandy Corp	38½	40½
Telecom Corp	3½	3½
Teledyne	17½	18
Temple Inland	47½	47½
Tenneco	54½	54½
Texaco	64½	65½
Texas Inst	76	80½
Texas Utilities	37½	37½
Textron	55½	55½
Time Warner	40½	41½
Times-Mirror	32½	32½
Timken	35½	36
Torchmark	41½	41
Toys R Us	35½	36½
Transamerica	52½	53
Travelers	36½	37½
Tribune	60¼	61
Tyco Labs	51½	52½
UAL Corp	131	131½
UST Inc	25½	25¼
USX Marathon	16½	17½
Unilever NV	106½	106½
Union Camp	45¼	46
Union Carbide	24½	25
Union Pacific	58½	58½
Unisys Corp	15	15½
USAIR Group	8½	8½
USF&G Corp	14¼	14½
US Life	39¼	40
US West	40½	40½
United Tech	64½	65½
Unocal Corp	26½	27
Upjohn	28½	28½
VF Corp	50½	50½
WMX Tech	24½	24½
Wal-Mart Stores	27	27½
Warner-Lambert	61½	62½
Wells Fargo	146¼	146½
Westinghouse El	12½	13
Weyerhaeuser	43½	43½
Whirlpool	65	64½
Whitman	15¼	15½
Winn Dixie	56½	56¼
Woolworth	18½	19½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50½	51
Xerox	96	97¼

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	18.52	17.02
Belgium Fr	54.57	50.17
Canada $	2.187	2.007
Cyprus Cyp£	0.785	0.735
Denmark Kr	10.44	9.64
Finland Mkk	8.96	8.16
France Fr	8.99	8.29
Germany Dm	2.64	2.43
Greece Dr	384.00	359.00
Hong Kong $	12.22	11.22
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2565.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	172.00	155.00
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.953	2.723
Norway Kr	11.45	10.65
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.00
S Africa Rd	6.00	5.10
Spain Pta	212.50	198.50
Sweden Kr	12.37	11.57
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.08
Turkey Lira	35500.0	33000.0
USA $	1.596	1.466

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust New Dawn C	246	+1
Applied Distbn (135)	136	...
Beazer Homes (165)	163	+1
Brightstone	136	...
Cedardata (105)	105	...
Central Euro Gwth	62	...
Chester Water	£87	-½
County Smllr C	125	...
Edin New Tiger	42½	+1
F & C Private Eq	49	...
Fidelity Jpn Vls (100)	95	+1
Finelist (130)	148	...
Franklin Res	£31½	...
Gartmore Brit Inc	103	...
Gartmore Brit Prf	111	...
Gartmore Brit Uts	213	...
Goldsbrgh Hlth (170)	149	...
Graham Group (183)	210	+5
Guangdong Dvlpt	70½	-½
Israel Fund ($1)	53	-¼
MAID	104	+2
McDonnell Info (260)	254	...
Mercury Euro Prvtn	464	...
Midland Idp Nws (140)	165	+1
Newport	98	...
Partco	219	-1
Ptarmigan Intl C	199	...
Radstone Tech (125)	110	...
Robert Wiseman (100)	103	...
Saracen Value (100)	91	-1
Schroder UK Gwth	495	+2
Waste Recycling (50)	64	...
Wellington (205)	216	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Acal n/p (225)	37	...
Ald Lyons Uts n/p (490)	46	...
Burford n/p (92)	9½	...
Cap & Regional n/p (173)	12	-½
Dagenham Mtrs n/p (153)	20	-4
Haden MacLellan n/p (62)	2	...
Henlys n/p (280)	32	-1
Hollas n/p (25)	1½	...
Richardson West n/p (85)	4	-1
Upton & Sthrn n/p (30)	3	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
RMC Group .... 969p (+26p)
Courtaulds .... 526p (+10p)
Farnell Elect .... 579p (+10p)
J Sainsbury .... 374p (+11p)
Airtours .... 499p (+14p)
Blenheim Group .... 348p (+13p)
Pearson .... 666p (+31p)
Portals .... 648p (+10p)
BAA .... 1007p (+9p)
Reckitt Colman .... 608p (+17p)
Siebe .... 588p (+9p)

FALLS:
Blagden .... 127p (-26p)
Man United .... 639p (-30p)
Thomson Corp .... 875p (-10p)
Abbott Mead .... 680p (-8p)
Lamont .... 425p (-8p)
Ocean Group .... 281p (-8p)
Photo-Me .... 264p (-11p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,600	Caradon	1,800	Lloyds Bk	1,700	Sears	2,100
Abbey Natl	1,400	Carlton Cms	2,000	MEPC	105	Svrn Trent	212
Alld-Lyons	2,700	Coats Vyla	3,800	Marks Spr	3,200	Shell Trans	4,200
Argyll Gp	4,000	Cm Union	528	NFC	1,900	Siebe	782
Arjo Wiggn	247	Courtaulds	825	NatWst Bk	3,900	SmKl Bch	1,500
AB Foods	589	De La Rue	633	Nat Power	993	Smith Nph	2,400
BAA	636	Eastrn Elec	1,600	Nth Wst W	637	Sthern Elec	697
BAT Inds	5,300	Enterpr Oil	792	P & O	1,700	Std Chard	822
BOC	591	Forte	1,200	Pearson	2,600	Sun Allnce	1,200
BP	7,700	GRE	3,900	PowerGen	3,300	TI Gp	634
BTR	4,400	GUS	588	Prudential	2,300	TSB	3,200
BT	4,400	Gen Acc	1,400	RMC	399	Tarmac	1,600
Bk of Scot	765	Gen Elec	6,400	RTZ	1,600	Tesco	4,500
Barclays	3,000	Glaxo	3,700	Rank Org	2,700	Thames W	587
Bass	536	Granada	2,500	Reckitt Col	1,200	Thm EMI	728
Blue Circle	2,000	Grand Met	1,700	Redland	920	Tomkins	723
Boots	2,400	Guinness	2,200	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	1,800
Bowater	1,500	HSBC	1,500	Rentokil	1,100	Utd Bisc	931
Brit Aero	566	Hanson	4,900	Reuters	571	Vodafone	1,000
Brit Airwys	1,900	ICI	1,100	Rolls Royce	4,700	Wrbrg (SG)	226
Brit Gas	4,600	Inchcape	2,800	Ryl Ins	1,200	Wellcome	1,200
Brit Steel	5,900	Kingfisher	5,200	Ryl Bk Scot	957	Whitbread	1,100
Burmah Cl	480	Ladbroke	4,000	Sainsbury	1,500	Wlms Hld	492
Cable Wire	5,200	Land Secs	697	Scot & New	694	Wolseley	266
Cadbury	1,200	Legal & Gn	775	Scot Power	657	Zeneca	761

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3739.90 (-34.84)
S&P Composite .... 457.21 (-3.37)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19941.79 (+105.31)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9197.03 (-37.19)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 410.93 (-4.10)

Sydney: AO .... 2108.9 (-42.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2161.42 (+31.36)

FT 30 share: .... 2479.6 (+6.5)

Brussels:
General .... 7536.85 (-28.62)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2144.49 (-7.87)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 698.90 (+4.90)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1582.00 (+0.76)
FT Non Financials .... 1707.82 (+2.93)
FT Gold Mines .... 225.9 (-7.6)
FT Fixed Interest .... 117.78 (+0.25)
FT Govt Secs .... 96.81 (+0.51)
Bargains 37424
SEAQ Volume 516.9m
USM (Datastrm) .... 160.67 (+0.12)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 21	April 1	June 30	July 11

Call options were taken out on 28/3/94: Aminex, Costain Group, How Group, Kunick, Markheath, Pentland Group, Princedale Group, Regent Corp, Rutland Trust, Signet Group, Stanhope Props, Vistec. Put: Aminex. Puts & Calls: Bimec, J Fry, Lloyds Chemist.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 57943)	Jun 94	3122.0	3165.0	3118.0	3132.0	12427
	Sep 94				3149.0	0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 443027)	Jun 94	94.62	94.67	94.59	94.62	16341
	Sep 94	94.39	94.49	94.38	94.40	14270
	Dec 94	94.10	94.19	94.08	94.10	13256
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 9365)	Jun 94	95.66	95.67	95.65	95.65	230
	Sep 94	95.22	95.25	95.22	95.22	85
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 937945)	Jun 94	94.52	94.58	94.52	94.57	28330
	Sep 94	94.73	94.81	94.73	94.79	15373
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 168497)	Mar 94	107-09	108-15	107-09	107-13	536
	Jun 94	106-00	107-16	105-31	106-11	89101
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	110.81	111.03	110.73	110.91	899
	Sep 94				109.80	0
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 202969)	Jun 94	95.49	96.48	95.39	96.16	140457
	Sep 94	95.76	95.78	95.78	95.88	1
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 2332)	Jun 94	100.33	100.33	100.33	100.55	-3
	Sep 94	0				
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 29827)	Jun 94	93.94	94.00	93.94	93.97	685
	Sep 94	94.15	94.21	94.14	94.18	380
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 45990)	Jun 94	95.95	96.02	95.85	96.02	5402
	Sep 94	96.05	96.10	96.04	96.10	453
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 105758)	Jun 94	109.31	112.67	109.31	111.58	75388
	Sep 94				111.18	0

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon.	540	27½	39	50	5	24½	31
(*556)	580	6	17	28	36	56	61
Argyll	240	16½	26	29	4	15½	19½
(*252)	260	9½	15½	19½	13½	27	31
ASDA	50	8½	11½	12½	1	3	4½
(*57)	60	2	5½	7	5	7½	10
Boots	500	31	43½	51½	4	17½	23½
(*525)	550	4	17	28½	29½	46	51
Br Airways	390	34½	44½	51	2½	14	19½
(*418½)	420	14	27½	35	12½	28	34
BP	360	14	26	33½	8	17½	22½
(*366½)	390	4	12½	20½	27	34	39
Br Steel	140	9½	12½	16	5½	12½	15½
(*140)	160	1½	5½	8	22½	26	28½
C & W	425	25½	42½	—	6	21	—
(*442½)	450	12	28	—	17	33	—
CU	550	38½	54	67	3	13	21
(*582½)	600	7	24½	33	24	35	46
ICI	800	28½	56½	68½	14	33	49½
(*814)	850	7	32	45	43	60½	75½
Kingfishr.	550	20½	35	46½	12	32½	42
(*550½)	600	4	16	26	47½	64½	72½
Land Sec	600	30	58	61	4½	12½	16
(*645½)	650	9	24	30½	16	36	39½
M & S	390	30½	37½	44½	2	9½	12½
(*417½)	420	9	19½	27	10½	23	25½
Nat West	460	15½	35½	43½	10½	22½	31½
(*464½)	500	3½	18	25½	39	46½	55½
Sainsbury	360	21½	32	41	5	21	25½
(*374)	390	6	18	26½	21½	38	42
Shell	650	17½	36½	46	9	23	31
(*666)	700	3	15½	22½	46½	51½	60½
Smkl Bch.	360	28	40	49½	4	15½	23
(*381½)	390	10½	24½	35	16½	30	38
Storehse	220	9½	18	23½	5	15	16
(*224)	240	2½	9	14½	18½	25½	28
Trafalgar	97	7	14	—	4	9	—
(*99½)	106	3½	9½	—	9	14½	—
Unilever.	1000	40	63½	84	11	23½	35
(*1023½)	1050	11	36½	56	36	49	60
Zeneca	700	54½	76½	88½	3	16½	29
(*747½)	750	18	45½	59	18½	36½	51½
BAA	1000	30	59½	74	18	45	52
(*1006½)	1050	9½	32	51	50½	75	79½
Thames W	500	29½	39	45½	4	20½	25
(*523½)	550	4	13½	20½	31	52	54½
Glaxo	600	31½	59½	72	12½	31	37½
(*617½)	650	10½	36	48½	41	58½	79½
HSBC	700	60½	97	115½	13½	36	52
(*747)	750	30	70½	93½	33	65½	77
Reuter	2000	59½	137½	179½	38½	93	123½
(*2016½)	2050	34	111½	154	65	119	147

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Grnd Met.	420	49½	59	66½	3	9½	15
(*459½)	460	21	33½	43	15	25½	31½
Ladbroke	180	23	30	34½	4	7½	13
(*199)	200	9	18	24	11	16	23
Utd Bisc	330	20½	31	41	7½	13½	21½
(*338½)	360	7½	17½	27	26½	31	37½
BAT Ind	420	36½	47½	49	10½	19½	24½
(*453½)	460	13	23	32½	39½	36½	47
BTR	360	23½	33½	39½	8	14½	21½
(*373)	390	7½	18	24½	24½	30	36½
Br Aero	500	40	60	75½	27	44	56½
(*506½)	550	19½	38½	54½	57	72½	85
Br Telcm	390	17½	28	34	7	16½	23½
(*398)	420	5	13	20½	26	37½	41
Cadbury	453	31	—	—	5	—	—
(*479½)	493	9½	—	—	24	—	—
Guinness	460	25½	38½	49½	13	23½	31½
(*477½)	500	5	21	31	38	47½	54½
GEC	280	24½	29½	32½	3	9½	13
(*299)	300	11	17	21½	10½	19½	23
Hanson	260	15½	20	24½	4½	9½	13½
(*269½)	280	5	11	15½	15	20	24
LASMO	120	10½	18	23½	7½	13	17
(*122½)	130	7	13½	19½	13½	18½	23
Lucas	180	16½	26	30	4	9	14
(*193½)	200	6½	14½	19	13	18	24½
Pilkingtn	180	17	22½	27½	3½	8½	13
(*193)	200	5½	12	17	13½	19	23
Prudential	300	20½	30½	36½	4½	9½	16
(*313½)	330	5	15	22	21½	26½	32
Redland	550	15	31½	44½	29½	37½	52
(*553½)	600	4½	15½	26	71	74½	85
Royal Ins	260	25	34½	40	5½	10½	18
(*277)	280	14½	23½	30½	14	19½	28½
Tesco	200	18½	23½	29	5½	9½	14½
(*214½)	220	6½	13½	19	16½	21	25½
Vodafone	500	45	61	74½	9	24	31½
(*531½)	550	16½	34½	49½	33	47½	57
Williams	390	15	25½	30	17	23½	29½
(*393½)	420	4½	12	17½	40	43½	49
R-Royce	180	9½	17	22	9	14½	19½
(*180½)	200	3½	9	13	22½	27	31
Eastrn Elc	600	59	70	79½	4	17½	25
(*649½)	650	23½	39½	47½	20	39½	47

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat.	460	29	42	50½	15	24	29½
(*470½)	500	11	23½	32	38	46	50
Amstrad	35	4½	6½	7	3½	5	6
(*35½)	40	2½	4½	5½	6½	8	9
Barclays	500	53½	66½	75½	8½	21	26½
(*539½)	550	23½	38	48½	29	43½	49
Blue Circ.	330	17	28	33½	21½	30½	31
(*330)	360	7	16½	22½	43½	50	50½
Br Gas	300	16½	22½	24½	14	18½	24
(*307)	330	5½	11	12½	34½	37	43½
Dixons	200	20	25½	30	8½	15½	19½
(*209)	220	10½	16½	21	19	28	30½
Forte	240	30	28½	32	9	14½	17½
(*256½)	260	11	18	22½	19½	24	28
Hillsdwn	160	14	18	21	8	11½	13
(*170½)	180	4½	9½	12½	22½	24	25½
Lonrho	140	22	27½	32½	6	13	15½
(*153)	160	10	18	24	16½	23½	27
Sears	110	12	15	16	4	6	7½
(*117½)	120	6	8½	11	9	11½	13
Thrn Eml	1050	50	73½	85½	37	65½	74
(*1052)	1100	27½	49	63½	69½	96½	105½
Tomkins	240	17½	24½	26½	9½	16	19½
(*240½)	260	5½	15	19	22	28	30
TSB	200	20½	32½	35	4	9½	11½
(*218)	220	14½	21½	24½	12	19½	21
Wellcome.	550	44	62½	75	27½	42	45
(*570)	600	23	41	53	57½	70	76½
Fisons	130	13	20½	24	9	15½	17½
(*132)	140	8½	17	19	16½	21½	25½
Nat Pwr.	420	48	54½	61½	9	15½	20
(*458½)	460	20½	31½	39	28	35	38
Scot Pwr.	390	33½	41½	47½	9½	18½	22½
(*408½)	420	17	26	31½	23½	34½	38

FT-SE INDEX (*3130½)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Apr	145	109	68	42	22	12
May	172	136	106	78	58	41
Jun	189	154	127	99	78	57
Jul	203	171	143	115	95	74
Dec	231	—	230	—	168	—
Puts						
Apr	16	26	42	67	101	141
May	43	55	76	98	128	160
Jun	54	74	95	117	146	175
Jul	70	88	109	131	160	188
Dec	132	—	168	—	214	—

March 28, 1994 Tot: 28065 Call: 20298 Put: 7765 FT-SE Call: 5438 Put: 3080
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: LCE cocoa slumped after a volley of fund selling hit the market. Volume had previously been thin, and the breach of a trend line sent spec longs covering and the funds selling the move. There is no fresh fundamental news, but there is a general feeling that without trade support the market will not recover. Essentially the rally seems firmly over and a bull trap has whipsawed many short-term players.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA
Mar .... 897-885 May 991-983
May .... 905-904 Jul 1000-995
Jul .... 922-921 Sep 1012-1010
Sep .... 939-938 Dec 1028-1020
Dec 959-958
Mar .... 979-977 Volume: 5782

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Mar .... 1341-1337 Nov 1346-1343
May .... 1349-1347 Jan 1345-1340
Jul .... 1353-1352 Mar 1343-1338
Sep .... 1350-1349 Volume: 1282

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)
Jan 11.85-12.43
Spot: 294.0 Mar 11.60-12.58
May .... 12.25-12.56 May 11.40-12.78
Jul .... 12.60-12.76 Jul 11.20-13.08
Sep .... 12.10-12.28 Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Dec 309.5-08.5
Spot: 347.3 Mar 309.9-08.0
May .... 342.0-41.5 May 311.4-08.9
Aug .... 337.8-37.0 Aug 315.3-12.5
Oct .... 315.0-14.5 Volume: 641

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	75.55	138.20	127.49
(+/-)	-1.47	-2.81	-3.37
Eng Wales	75.69	139.53	127.33
(+/-)	-1.43	-1.28	-3.55
(%)	-20.7	-19.9	-33.6
Scotland	67.59	128.92	128.72
(+/-)	-7.70	-12.75	-1.98
(%)	-72.2	-62.7	-27.2

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)
Open Close Open Close
Aug .... unq ... Mar .... unq ...
Sep .... unq ... Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)
May 108.25
Jun 109.10
Sep 93.15
Nov 94.10
Jan 95.90
Volume: 203

BARLEY (close £/t)
May 107.75
Sep 94.25
Nov 95.75
Jan 97.50
Mar 98.40
Volume: 27

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)
Aug .... unq
Oct .... –
Dec .... –
Feb .... –
Apr .... –
Volume: 0

POTATO
(£/t) Open Close
Apr 194.0 192.5
May 214.0 197.0
Nov .... unq 80.0
Volume: 133

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Apr 71.75-72.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market reacted negatively to Opec's decision to maintain production levels.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.70	-0.70
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.40	-0.70
Brent 15 day (May)	13.20	-0.65
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.35	-0.70
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	14.45	-0.65

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	152 (-4)	154 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	137 (-4)	139 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Apr	138 (-4)	140 (-5)
Non EEC 1H May	137 (-4)	139 (-5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	67 (-3)	69 (-3)
Naphtha	130 (-5)	132 (-5)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL
Apr .... 137.00-37.25 Jul 137.50-37.75
May .... 136.00-36.25 Aug 139.25-39.50
Jun .... 136.00-36.25 Sep 141.25-41.50
Vol: 14968

BRENT (6.00pm)
May .... 13.27-13.28 Aug 13.49-13.52
Jun .... 13.27-13.28 Sep .... 13.63 BID
Jul .... 13.37-13.38 Vol: 27552

UNLEADED GASOLINE
Apr .... 148.00-49.50 Jul .... unq
May .... unq Aug .... –
Jun .... – Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 94	unq	unq	1204
Apr 94	1287	1280	1286
May 94	1287	1280	1280
Jul 94	1157	1154	1157

Vol: 76 lots. Open int'st: 2920 Index 1199+5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1948.5-1949.5	1958.0-1959.0	1152300
Lead ($/tonne)	454.00-455.00	469.00-469.50	76300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	949.00-949.50	969.00-969.50	359050
Tin ($/tonne)	5465.0-5470.0	5525.0-5530.0	20015
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1310.0-1311.0	1333.5-1334.0	111400
Nickel ($/tonne)	5690.0-5692.0	5769.0-5770.0	60162

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.2 (day's range 80.2-80.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 28	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8075-2.8182	2.8132-2.8167	par-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Brussels	51.46-51.69	51.50-51.61	2-7ds	10-15ds
Copenhagen	9.8230-9.8690	9.8510-9.8660	⅛-1⅛ds	1⅝-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0345-1.0400	1.0345-1.0375	6-10ds	19-24ds
Frankfurt	2.4956-2.5058	2.5020-2.5053	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅜ds
Lisbon	257.28-258.09	257.46-258.09	99-110ds	274-292ds
Madrid	204.92-205.83	205.43-205.65	44-57ds	139-158ds
Milan	2440.70-2459.00	2440.70-2444.70	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	2.0515-2.0589	2.0559-2.0589	0.16-0.05pr	0.19-0.07pr
New York	1.4950-1.4970	1.4960-1.4970	0.22-0.20pr	0.57-0.54pr
Oslo	10.8640-10.9130	10.8870-10.9040	⅜-1ds	⅛-1⅜ds
Paris	8.5430-8.5800	8.5540-8.5680	⅜-⅞ds	2-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.7660-11.8330	11.7880-11.8120	1¼-2⅜ds	4⅞-6⅛ds
Tokyo	156.00-157.06	156.00-156.26	⅝-⅜pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.5200-17.6600	17.6200-17.6500	⅛-1ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1243-2.1345	2.1265-2.1295	¼-⅛pr	⅞-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4935-1.4960
Australia dollar	2.1007-2.1051
Bahrain dinar	0.558-0.570
Brazil cruzeiro*	1292.17-1294.24
Cyprus pound	0.745-0.755
Finland markka	8.242-8.358
Greece drachma	363.0-370.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5601-11.5694
India rupee	46.50-47.46
Kuwait dinar KD	0.44-0.45
Malaysia ringgit	4.0240-4.0307
Mexico peso	4.950-5.005
New Zealand dollar	2.6272-2.6337
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5495-5.6755
Singapore dollar	2.3576-2.3608
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0611-7.1108
S Africa rand (com)	5.1567-5.1647
U A E dirham	5.4355-5.5595

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4065-1.4084
Austria	11.76-11.77
Belgium (Com)	34.49-34.53
Canada	1.3725-1.3735
Denmark	6.587-6.592
France	5.727-5.732
Germany	1.6744-1.6754
Hong Kong	7.7249-7.7258
Ireland	1.441-1.444
Italy	1636.2-1637.7
Japan	104.78-104.88
Malaysia	2.691-2.693
Netherlands	1.883-1.884
Norway	7.284-7.289
Portugal	172.1-172.4
Singapore	1.5763-1.5773
Spain	137.30-137.35
Sweden	7.885-7.895
Switzerland	1.4245-1.4255

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4$^{25}/_{32}$; 3 mth: 4$^{25}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	4$^{29}/_{32}$-4⅞	4$^{31}/_{32}$-4$^{29}/_{32}$	5-4$^{31}/_{32}$	5⅛-5	
Sterling Money Rates	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼
Interbank	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5⅛	n/a	5⅛	5¼	5⅜
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼
Dollar CDs	3.59	n/a	3.79	4.10	4.60
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5¼-5⅛	5⅜-5¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 28, 1994 Agreed rates Mar 26, 1994 to Apr 25, 1994 Schemes III: 6.50%. Reference rate Feb 1, 1994 to Feb 28, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.265%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	3⅝-3½	3$^{13}/_{16}$-3⅝	3⅞-3¾	4¼-3$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅝-2⅞
Deutschemark	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5⅝	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5⅝	5⅝-5½	5$^{11}/_{32}$-5⅛	6½-5½
French Franc	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Swiss Franc	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4½-3½
Yen	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $391.90-392.30 Close: $388.90-389.40 High: $391.90-392.40
Low: $387.50-388.00 Krugerrand: $388.00-390.50 (£259.00-261.00)
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£60.25-62.25) New $91.00-93.00 (£60.25-62.25)
Platinum: $412.00 (£275.40) Silver: $5.72 (£3.825) Palladium: $134.40 (£89.85)

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You have to give people a reason to get in their car and drive to your store: they want to be certain that they don't need to shop anywhere else

Stores look for new ways to drive customers out of town

The 1980s explosion of massive shopping centres a long way from the high street may have ended, but Susan Gilchrist believes the idea still has appeal

The board of Sears has given the green light to plans to extend its out-of-town Sportsworld chain. It is looking to add up to 60 new stores to its existing three sites over the next three years to create the largest and most authoritative sports retailer in Britain.

The decision is partly an attempt to steal a march on Sports Authority, the American out-of-town operator owned by K Mart, which plans to expand in Britain. But the fact that both Sears and K Mart are jostling for position flies in the face of the current belief that the growth of out-of-town retailing has ground to a halt. Recession, a slowdown in the pace of retail park development, and more importantly the Government's latest planning guidelines aimed at rejuvenating the high street have all prompted critics to write the sector's obituary.

Out-of-town retailing is indeed at the start of a new chapter, but it is unlikely to be the last. The explosive growth it enjoyed during the 1980s may be over, but the market is enjoying renewed buoyancy as retailers with experimental formats join the ranks of established out-of-town-operators. Stores selling computers, office equipment, sporting goods and shoes are opening up alongside the more familiar DIY, food and electrical outlets. Established names such as Marks and Spencer and John Lewis as well as new formats such as warehouse clubs and factory outlet malls are adding to this impetus.

The fact remains that the lifestyle changes that fuelled the rise of out-of-town retailing over the past decade or so still hold good today. These include the move in population away from cities and towns, the rise in car ownership and the increase in the number of working women. All these factors have conspired to increase the importance and popularity of the one-stop, once-a-week shopping that favours out-of-town developments.

It is not just consumers for whom out-of-town shopping still holds appeal. What attracted retailers such as B&Q, Tesco and Currys to the sector in the 1980s still holds true in the 1990s. The fundamental appeal is that the out-of-town format enables retailers to benefit from economies of scale. They can sell larger volumes of product than on the high street — and at lower cost. In the new retailing environment of low growth, low inflation and intensifying competition the economics of out-of-town retailing is becoming increasingly attractive.

Paula Alexander, head of corporate affairs at Sears, is in little doubt. "The lower rent is still a major component," she says. "Our research shows that out-of-town rents are at least 50 per cent lower than on the high street despite a slight narrowing of the gap in recent years." Average out-of-town rents are between £8 per sq ft and £10 per sq ft, against £25 per sq ft to £35 per sq ft on the high street. When retailers' margins are being squeezed by downward pressure on prices, savings such as these are irresistible.

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Furthermore, consumer desire for lower prices will not go away. Indeed, it is likely to be the defining feature of the 1990s, according to Richard Hyman, of Verdict, the retail consultant. He believes the economics of out-of-town shopping allows retailers to develop a more efficient format where they can offer lower prices and still make a reasonable return.

Sportsworld stores offer prices up to 15 per cent lower than those of high street sports retailers, yet achieve net margins considerably higher than those of Sears' Olympus high street outlets, according to Ms Alexander. These returns are partly driven by the product mix. The big out-of-town stores — typically 25,000 sq ft, against 2,000 sq ft on the high street — enable the chain to display a wider range of merchandise, much of it higher margin.

While the high street outlets tend to be dominated by low margin footwear, given the constraints on space, the out-of-town stores have the room to carry more extensive lines of more profitable sports goods such as games equipment, sportswear, fitness machines and camping and outdoor products.

The increased selling space in an out-of-town superstore allows a retailer not just to sell a wider range but to be more authoritative in the lines it chooses to sell. An authoritative product offering is critical to the success of an out-of-town site. Ms Alexander says: "You have to give people a reason to get in their car and drive to your store. People are not just looking for lower prices when they shop out of town, what they really want is authority. They want to be secure in the knowledge that when they get to that store they don't need to shop anywhere else." Having chosen to sell golf bags, Sportsworld stocks about 25 types. Out-of-town retailers have to satisfy the demand for depth *and* width of range.

Retailers — and indeed consumers — are still attracted to the fact that out-of-town developments provide easily accessible, purpose-built stores with plenty of adjacent car parking. Useful features if you are buying a three-piece suite, and ones that are hard to find in city centres. The recent publication of new planning guidelines for local authorities by the Government raised fears that the construction of out-of-town developments will be halted. This reaction now seems over-stated. John Gummer, Environment Secretary, was more aggressive than many had expected but senior officials in his department have reassured the retail lobby that although the development of large out-of-town shopping centres such as Meadowhall, in Sheffield, and Lakeside, in Essex, has come to an end, the smaller retail parks still have a future. Many of these are on the edge of town centres, not in the green belt, and already have planning permission.

The lure of out-of-town retailing is proving strong even for fashion retailers, for whom the format was widely believed to be unworkable. When it comes to shopping for fashion, the thinking goes, consumers like to make comparisons not just on price but on "style". However, the belief that the high street is the only place for fashion retailers is beginning to be challenged. Shoe City, Sears' out-of-town shoe superstores, were originally set up as a clearance operation but the company now believes they have greater potential. It is trying out a new store format, which offers all of British Shoe Corporation's high street brands from Saxone to Roland Cartier under one roof. Far from confusing consumers, the format seems to be working. "Customers want to go somewhere where they can buy the kids' shoes, perhaps a pair of synthetic court shoes for work and then a smarter pair for the evenings," Ms Alexander says.

New entrants to the out-of-town sector such as Shoe City and Sportsworld now have sales of £1.4 billion, according to Verdict. It believes these new players will drive the increase in out-of-town sales during the next few years, which it forecasts will grow by 11 per cent a year, reaching £55 billion by 1997. As Mr Hyman says: "There's no question, out-of-town retailing is here to stay and set to grow."

TEMPUS

Pearson's new programme

EVER since Pearson decided last summer that it was going to become a real media business and not a diversified hotch-potch, its share price has not looked back. Investors who have wanted to pigeon-hole the group for decades suddenly had an opportunity to slot it into one of the most highly-rated sectors in the market.

Pearson's figures for 1993 contained some justification for such support. More than half of the £22 million profit increase in the books division may have been generated by currency movements, but the 54 per cent rise in newspaper profits was real enough particularly since Westminster Press and the *Financial Times* are carrying sizeable reorganisation charges. Pearson is also making a solid return out of Thames TV, which looked like a busted flush when it was bought last April. The group can even be forgiven for stretching its definition of the media to merchant banking, after Lazards' bumper returns.

Pearson's shares, however, which trade on a 55 per cent premium to the market, reflect more the potential of the group's existing business spread. The market is excited about what the unborrowed group is going to acquire next. Pearson could comfortably borrow £400 million, while its remaining stake in Cameo is worth an additional £140 million. Given such resources, last year's purchases of Thames and Extel scarcely rate as toes in the water.

But media acquisitions are hardly cheap and not always successful. Pearson's share price contains a lot of hope value, and investors may prefer less highly-rated media stocks like Reed International, which have already shown the success of their chosen direction.

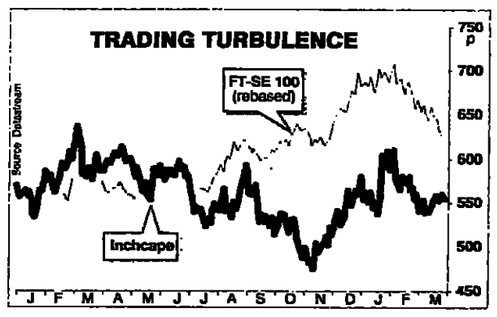
Inchcape

INCHCAPE has prospered in recent years by allying itself with the Japanese industrial machine. Toyota's increasing grip on the aspirations of the world's motorists provided the group with a fine platform for growth. So, it is perhaps fitting that a company which has prospered by the yen should suffer by the yen, as the currency's appreciation made the cars expensive just as continental European markets were tightening their belts.

In the event, Inchcape did well to hold profits, helped by a timely upturn at its chain of domestic motor dealers. But last year's economic events highlighted the imbalance in Inchcape's spread of activities. With scarcely 5 per cent of the group sales coming from the US, Inchcape had little exposure to the recovery there.

Inchcape's short-term fortunes rest on the chance that the Fed's recent tightening will soften the yen and that Japan can somehow kickstart the economy and rekindle its appetite for expensive imports. If that fails to materialise the group will be forced to trade through as in 1993, but this time without a £25 million translation gain from sterling's fall.

Inchcape's Far Eastern exposure makes it a counter-cyclical stock, but such investments are hardly in fashion now Britain's recovery finally appears underway. The shares trade on 15 times prospective earnings which looks high enough.



British Land

INVESTING £1 billion in an overheated commercial property investment market is not easy and British Land's latest deal may be evidence of some of the problems. So far, the BL Quantum Property Fund has concentrated on investment-grade retail and office property, with a high proportion in Scotland. Sound management, hardening yields and some rental growth should squeeze value out of the properties over the next few years. Yields on such properties, however, have fallen to levels where little growth can be forecast without a major improvement in demand from tenants.

British Land's solution is to make short term profits from trading, an approach to which its partner, George Soros, is unlikely to object. The Royal Portfolio is a mixed bag of goods, which has been well trawled by potential buyers for some time although British Land believes rent reviews could lift the yield from 8.2 per cent to 8.5 per cent.

Trading profits from Royal are a sideshow to British Land's main chance at achieving good returns over the next few years for Mr Soros. Securing Broadgate from Stanhope and the receivers of Rosehaugh would largely fill the £1 billion fund but the battle is likely to be long and tortuous. Whatever the weaknesses of Stanhope's position, it and the Rosehaugh receivers are unlikely to offer as generous a deal as the buyers of British Land's recent issue of £150 million of 6 per cent irredeemable bonds.

Holliday Chemicals

ONE of the stock market's newcomers in 1993, Holliday Chemicals, has wasted no time in running through the full spectrum of its investors' emotions. A well-publicised placing last April has been followed in short order by a profit warning and now a major acquisition and a rights issue.

The shares, issued at 195p, plummetted to 157p after the company admitted in November that its Spanish subsidiary was not up to scratch. They have since largely recovered, but even so yesterday's rights issue comes at a 15p discount to the original placing price which could make investors wonder why they have been holding the stock for the past 11 months.

Perhaps Reckitt Colours International was simply too tempting a purchase for the fast-moving Holliday to resist, for it certainly does not look like a bargain. The exit p/e ratio appears to be around 13, which seems reasonable. But the £52 million purchase price also represents 1.8 times RCI's turnover, and 3.3 times its net assets which would look dear even for a media company. Reckitt & Colman has already been squeezing a 21 per cent profit margin out of its subsidiary, so there does not appear to much left to go for.

Holliday can undoubtedly achieve some operating efficiencies out of RCI by linking it with its existing dyestuffs manufacturers. They must be substantial since the company already has one count against it in the City following last November's profit warning. It cannot afford to disappoint the market again.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Ong Beng Seng still on song

THERE seems to be no stopping Ong Beng Seng, the Singaporean property tycoon who is building up a tidy UK property portfolio through his trading group, KUO international. Ong, who established the luxurious Halkin Hotel in London's Belgravia — his wife, Christina, kitted out the staff in Armani — has put up £14.5 million to fund Sailmakers Court, a development now under construction near Wandsworth Bridge, southwest London. Now, in another stepping stone to his global ambitions, I hear he is swooping on the exotic location of Coffs Harbour, a pleasant resort town half way between Sydney and Brisbane on the New South Wales coast, which is known chiefly for its main tourist attraction: a large banana. Ong has been holding talks with the Coffs Harbour council to permit his charter flight company to fly tourists direct to Coffs from destinations in South East Asia — a move that has already sparked an Aus$8 million (£3.8 million) upgrade to enable the local airport to take Boeing 767 jets. If he pulls it off, holidaymakers will fly into an area that includes a world-class golf course and several resorts, among them the Pelican Beach, with the snappy slogan: "Spend the night with a good bird."

Racy HMSO

IT'S brash, it's racy, it's . . . er . . . HMSO Books. The Norwich-based publisher of *Your Driving Test* and *The Highway Code* has "adopted" a racing car in an attempt to shrug off its rather dusty image. The 155 mph Team HMSO Vauxhall Cavalier takes to the track for the first time on Easter Monday, when the 1994 RAC British Touring Car Championship starts at Thruxton, Hants. Nigel Smith, the driver, advertised for £200,000 in sponsorship to get him on the road, and HMSO Books seized the opportunity. "We are the biggest publisher in UK, probably in Europe, but have tended to hide our light under a bushel," said a spokesman. Let's hope Smith remembers to check his mirrors . . . .



Force majeure

THE sales force at Bristol Myers Squibb, one of Britain's biggest pharmaceuticals companies, was engrossed in a conference in Brighton yesterday which almost did not happen. They were all clutching their air tickets ready to depart for the exotic isle of Jersey, only to discover at the 11th hour that their chosen conference hotel, the Hotel de France, had been badly damaged by fire. Hasty rearrangements managed to get all 400 salesmen and women and managers into the Grand and Metropole Hotels in Brighton . . . saving the organisers from a nervous breakdown.

Profits track

ONWARD to privatisation! The Dart Valley Light Railway plc, which operates steam trains in the holiday area of Torbay between Paignton and Kingswear/Dartmouth, had such a good season in 1993 that it is declaring a dividend of 10p in the pound to all its shareholders. Not many railways in the world can claim to be breaking even, fewer still are in profit, and dividends are generally unheard of. "I am delighted that we are now able to reward our shareholders for their patience and support over many years," says John Evans, chairman, who saw pre-tax profits double to £169,000 in the year to the end of December. In the past, profits have been ploughed back into the railway to maintain standards. Dart Valley is an unusual animal. In addition to two 7-mile lines of standard gauge track, it owns a cinema, shops, cafes, a butterfly farm and an otter sanctuary.

Gymn jogathon

SWEAT-soaked T-skirts will be in evidence at Plantation House, gothic-style home of the London Underwriting Centre, when a handful of brokers set out to "row" and "jog" their way to Bosnia. About 50 staff of Kininmonth Lambert, Lowndes Lambert's reinsurance broking arm, hope to raise £50,000 for Bosnia by "travelling" the 1,000 miles from London to Sarajevo using various pieces of distance counting gym equipment. The mega jogathon/rowathon takes place tomorrow and Thursday at the Plantation House gymnasium.

CONTRADICTORY job advertisement in the Calgary Herald *in Canada for the vacant post of firefighter: "We offer a smoke-free work environment."*

JON ASHWORTH



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Blagden seeking £20m via cash call

BY MARTIN BARROW

BLAGDEN Industries, the packaging and chemicals group, intends to raise £20 million through a rights issue at the end of May after slumping £10.6 million into the red in 1993.

Shares in Blagden fell 25p to 128p after the company said it was charging £13.26 million against restructuring and rationalisation and would pass the payment of a final dividend.

Tec Wilkinson, chairman, said the group's main lender was supportive during the current renegotiation of banking facilities. The rights issue would reduce the level of indebtedness, which rose to £40.1 million at the year-end, hoisting gearing to 82 per cent from 50 per cent.

Mr Wilkinson said the slight recovery in the first half of 1993 proved unsustainable. Falling prices of steel drums in Germany led to significant price cuts across Europe while margins were squeezed by the ability of steel producers to maintain price rises across the European Community.

These two factors combined to leave operating profits from packaging 39 per cent down. Operating profits fell to £5.88 million from £10.9 million on turnover of £225.5 million, against £229.8 million.

Exceptional charges, which related mainly to the packaging division, included £2.33 million against redundancies in Britain, France and Spain, and a loss of £3.8 million on the sale of the plastics packaging operations in Belgium and France. Other site rationalisation cost £6.8 million.

Mr Wilkinson is stepping down as chairman and will be succeeded by David Kendall, who joined as non-executive director last year.

Inchcape to sell service station on motorway

BY NEIL BENNETT

INCHCAPE, the international trader and motor distributor, is selling its motorway service station on the M5 for £12.5 million. The group, led by Sir David Plastow, is also extending its network of international vehicle distribution franchises by winning the right to import Rolls-Royce cars into China and BMWs into Chile.

Charles Mackay, chief executive, said Inchcape is selling the Strensham service station, with the largest petrol forecourt in Europe, because it does not fit in with its main trading businesses. The site belonged to TKM, the motor group, which Inchcape bought in 1992. Inchcape is suffering a £6.4 million loss on the sale, against which it has been forced to make a provision.

Inchcape's results for 1993, published yesterday, disappointed the City. Underlying pre-tax profits rose only 4 per cent to £263 million, at the bottom end of forecasts. The shares fell 34p to 518p. Despite the sluggish growth, the dividend for the year rises 8 per cent to 13.75p.

Mr Mackay said it had been a tough trading year, due to the appreciation of the yen and the economic downturn in Japan. "In that respect we are pleased to have produced another record profit," he said. The impact of the yen's move cut profits by up to 15 per cent. The group's largest business, the international distribution of Toyota cars, suffered from slimmer margins and falling sales as the yen rose, although Inchcape increased its share of many European markets by boosting marketing spending.

One of the bright spots in the division was the sale of 92 Rolls-Royces in Hong Kong, 35 destined for mainland China. Rolls-Royce cars have become a status symbol for China's new entrepreneurs and Inchcape now has the right to import them direct.

Motor import profits fell 13 per cent to £106 million, but the shortfall was offset by a 64 per cent increase in the retail motor division, which benefited from the recovery in the British car market.

The marketing side also suffered a fall in profits, down £4.2 million to £58.2 million, due to the downturn in Japan. Despite this, Inchcape has signed new licensing deals, to distribute Heineken and Guinness in Hong Kong and Pringle's crisps in Japan, among others.

Mr Mackay said there was unlikely to be a rapid improvement in trading conditions this year. "Overall the basic economic background is likely to be a little better than last year but not significantly. But initiatives we have taken to drive up market share are bearing fruit and we are pushing through price increases where we can."

One of the main decisions the group must make this year is whether to invest further in Gestetner, the copier company. Inchcape has an option to increase its stake from 14.6 to 23.6 per cent for £41 million by the end of July.

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Sir David (left) and Charles Mackay hail car deal

Forth Ports increases dividend

BY CARL MORTISHED

FORTH Ports, the privatised Scottish ports group, is raising its dividend by 16 per cent, to 7.25p, in anticipation of strong growth in cargos and initial profits from the Victoria Quay property scheme at Leith.

A decline in business from British Pipe Coaters, which supplies pipelines for the North Sea oil industry from Leith, was more than offset by increased tonnage from liquid cargos, as well as animal feeds and car imports from Belgium, said Hugh Thompson, chief executive. "1994 is going to see a dramatic improvement on 1993," he added.

Turnover grew from £32 million to £33 million and operating profit rose 2 per cent to £10.2 million. Pre-tax profits fell from £10.9 million to £9.6 million, mainly because of a £1.2 million exceptional gain of in 1992 from early repayment of government loans on the group's flotation.

Mr Thompson said that a modest increase in cargo rates of 2-3 per cent had gone through in January and piped cargo tonnage at Hound Point was expected to double from last year's 12.1 million tonnes.

Proteus to raise £10m for research

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

PROTEUS International, the drugs designer, has launched a one-for-seven rights issue, at 280p a share, to raise a net £10.4 million to help fund new product development research into human and animal diseases until its products can be sold commercially.

Proteus's spend on product research and development is about £7 million a year. The loss-making group is budgeting to earn some revenue before the end of 1994.

Kevin Gilmore, the founder and chairman who controls nearly half of Proteus through a private company, will not take up his rights. His stake will dilute to about 43 per cent. The shares eased 2p to 290p.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Restructuring lifts profit at Taylor Nelson AGB

TAYLOR Nelson AGB, Britain's largest market research company, has increased the total dividend by 50 per cent to 0.45p a share for 1993, recommending a 0.32p final payment. The group, which was formed through the merger of Addison Consulting and AGB, a company that was acquired from the administrators of Robert Maxwell's private empire, saw pre-tax profits rise to £4.2 million from £1 million in 1992. Earnings rose to 1.26p a share from 0.38p.

John Treasure, chairman, said: "These increases are the result of our group becoming more cost-efficient, simplifying our structure and concentrating on the more profitable elements of our business." Operating margins rose to 7.4 per cent from 6.2 per cent. Turnover rose £8.5 million to £55.7 million, reflecting the inclusion of AGB for a full year for the first time.

Exports boost Roxboro

A SURGE in exports of 60 per cent helped drive maiden full-year profits up 66 per cent to £6.4 million (£3.9 million) at Roxboro, whose flotation in November was 12 times oversubscribed. The shares responded yesterday with a 15p rise to 248p against a flotation price of 230p. As said at its placing and open offer, Roxboro is paying no dividend for 1993. Directors said the group had completed its transformation from a standard component supplier to a specialist in value-added products. Earnings per share in 1993 rose from 13.2p to 14.3p.

T&S expands store base

T&S STORES, the discount retailer, has bought 27 Macs Stores from Rowlandson Organisation for £5.95 million cash. The stores, mainly in the Midlands and Home Counties, bring T&S's total number of convenience outlets to 145. It also runs almost 500 CTN shops. Kevin Threlfall, chairman, said the increased store base would improve prospects against the backdrop of intense competition. Pre-tax profits were £12.6 million for the year to January 1 against £12.5 million last time. A final dividend of 3.6p (3.5p) makes a total for the year to 6.1p (5.9p).

Bemrose optimistic

BEMROSE Corporation, supplier of security and promotional products, is encouraged by prospects for its current year. Pre-tax profits rose by 73 per cent, to £10.8 million, in the year to January 1. Rodger Booth, chief executive, notes strong market positions in Britain and America. There is an effective 15 per cent rise in total dividend to 11.75p. Gearing has fallen to 30 per cent, from a year-end 46 per cent. Since January 1, Bemrose has raised £20 million via a rights issue.

Scottish Met advances

SCOTTISH Metropolitan, the property investment company that raised £27 million in a rights issue and restructured borrowings at the end of last year, is lifting the interim dividend by 25 per cent to 0.5p a share, on pre-tax profits for the six months to December of £7.2 million against a loss of £1.2 million loss last time. The sale of six properties contributed £5.05 million and borrowings have fallen from £144 million in August to £75 million.

COMPANY NEWSWIRE

EBC GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £931,000
EPS: 4.85p (19.35p loss)
Div: 2.25p, mkg 4p
There was a loss of £3.7 million before tax. Total dividend is 4p. Company is cautious for 1994, but more confident about 1995

GLOBAL GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.9m (£1.4m)
EPS: 1.1p (0.83p)
Div: 0.3p, mkg 0.5p
Total dividend in previous year was 0.5p. Turnover rose to £81.2 million from £75 million. Current market remains difficult

M.Y. HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.13m
EPS: 1.77p (1.48p)
Div: 0.5p (0.25p)
Interim profit in previous year was £911,000. Turnover rose to £19.1 million, against £16.1 million. Final dividend will be held

GRAYSTONE GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.15m
EPS: 0.55p (0.38p loss)
Div: 0.1p (nil)
There was an interim loss of £56,000 in previous year. Turnover rose to £12.5 million, from £2.5 million

SHARPE & FISHER (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.34m (£1.45m)
EPS: 9.2p (7.8p)
Div: 2.7p, mkg 4.2p
Total dividend in previous year was 4p. Turnover rose to £51.7 million, from £44.6 million. 1994 opened with 28pc rise in sales

STEEL BURRILL JONES
Pre-tax: £521,000 loss
EPS: 1.27p loss
Div: 6p, mkg 9p (nil)
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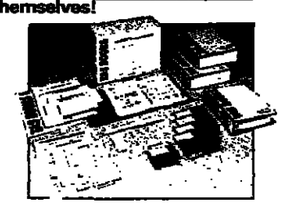
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Derek Harris finds signs of growth

Franchise turnover returning to pre-recession levels

Franchising is looking up, with the worst effects of recession behind the industry and an expansion in franchised units confidently predicted. Turnover, at £5 billion, is nearing pre-recession levels and failure rates — always better than the average for small businesses — have improved. More franchisees also report operating at a profit during last year — 87.5 per cent compared with 77.5 per cent and 70 per cent in 1991.

This encouraging picture emerges from the latest NatWest/BFA Franchise survey, commissioned by the British Franchise Association and sponsored by National Westminster Bank. Among franchisors — the owners of franchise formats which are then licensed to franchisee operators — 87 per cent forecast improvement in their business over the next 12 months, 8 per cent better than in the previous annual survey. Just 76 per cent of franchisees are looking to an improvement, a rise of 12 per cent.

In 1990 franchising turnover was £5.2 billion, but recession pared this to £4.8 billion within a year and then down to £4.5 billion in 1992. A substantial part of last year's 10 per cent rise was because of big operators in the dairy industry switching their milk rounds to a franchising base. Stripping out the effects of that puts like-for-like industry growth at 2.6 per cent, so that, allowing for inflation, the sales declines had been halted and may have already been showing real growth in some sectors.

The proportion of franchised units that have undergone forced change — from outright failure to being taken over — was 6.3 per cent last year, down from 7.4 per cent. Pre-recession the failure rate had been as low as 4.8 per cent.

Peter Stern, head of NatWest's franchise section, said: "Growth in the franchise industry has been steady, in spite of recession." Last year, about 20,000 jobs were created by franchising.

Further expansion is likely, the survey found. On average, franchisors plan over the next 12 months to increase their number of units by 15 per cent. A doubling of current numbers is expected within five years. More are looking to the Continent and beyond. Just over a fifth of franchise systems have franchised arms on the Continent, and, by 1998, 54 per cent of systems said they plan to be there.

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"I was a start-up, and I haven't stopped since!"

Interest on all bills, says IoD

Rodney Hobson on why the IoD wants a statutory right to interest on outstanding bills for every company



STEPHEN MARKESON

Ann Robinson of the IoD feels present government measures to encourage good practice are of little use

With calls increasing for a statutory right to interest to be established, a detailed suggestion on how it could work has been submitted to the Department of Trade and Industry by the Institute of Directors. The IoD believes the right to interest should apply to all commercial contracts in the private and public sector, but the law should be framed to avoid imposing a new, heavy administrative burden.

It argues that at present it is rational for many companies to withhold payment for some time after it is legally due. If payments are persistently made about 20 days after they become due, that is sufficient to cause real cash flow difficulties for the suppliers but not long enough for legal action to be a sensible course. Debtors can therefore habitually pay late with impunity. A statutory right to interest on overdue debt that ran from the moment the debt fell due would reverse the balance.

Companies paying late would face an increased chance of legal action. They would also have to consider the inclusion in annual accounts of a contingent liability for interest payment on overdue debt and the possibility that questions would be asked at annual meetings. Liquidators of failed suppliers might seek to recover interest even if the suppliers had been reluctant to do so.

Interest should be set at a level that made it uneconomic for companies to delay payment. The interest rate should be set nationally, possibly linked to bank base rates, rather than be left to the discretion of the courts. The IoD says contracts between companies should specify the date at which interest payments would begin but if no payment date is set it could be defined by previous practice in the trading relationship or in the industry concerned.

The institute calls for court procedures to be improved to make it easier, cheaper and quicker for firms to claim overdue payments. It firmly opposes the concept of a British Standard on prompt payment or the inclusion of payment terms in BS5750 which it believes would involve unnecessary and unproductive administration and add to the already significant burden on small firms.

The IoD does not believe there should be a maximum period of credit. It argues credit periods are unlikely to be increased as a result of statutory interest. It also opposes the idea that business parties could contract out of statutory provisions on interest, since interest becomes due when the contract has already been broken by late payment.

Dr Ann Robinson, head of the IoD policy unit, said: "A British Standard would do nothing to strengthen the legal position of firms that have become victims of late payment, nor would it provide a sanction against late payment by others in the future.

"Present government measures to encourage good practice are of little use and seem to be designed more for cosmetic use than practical effect."

Livewire's start-up aid spreads to early years

LIVEWIRE, Shell UK's start-up scheme for under-25s, is to expand into supporting enterprises in their first two to three years (Sally Watts writes).

It is hoped that, with greater help in the difficult early stages of expansion, young businesses will be able to increase their workforce more rapidly, from a one-person band to ten or more.

The new strategy will be implemented in Livewire's 1994 series of start-up awards. The annual contest to find the most promising new entrepreneurs, at local, regional and national level, is beginning this spring and is based largely on a business plan. As part of the continuing support in developing their business, this year's entrants will not only get back-up from Livewire's network of advisers, but materials are being prepared to enable young owners to monitor their own progress. Software programs may also be introduced.

Sandy Ogilvie, UK director of Livewire, said: "This will encourage good-quality planning and monitoring on a continuous basis from pre-start through start-up, early growth and beyond, and will move away from the current preoccupation with a business plan. The original Livewire programme of start-up awards will continue, but will be enhanced by the provision of additional support for entrants beyond the competition."

He added: "Young business owners are very isolated. They have told us they need help immediately after start-up, when they hit snags, but there is a gap in support. We are ensuring that our materials relate to what they want."

The Link, Livewire's newsletter, is to concentrate more on young business development rather than enterprise in general. In addition to Export Challenge, which Livewire introduced last year for young owners, and the longer-running Business Growth Challenge for those with three years' experience, Livewire organisers are considering further "challenges" in IT, quality and the environment.

Livewire is attracting interest from eastern and central European countries, including Hungary, where a modified scheme has been introduced with British help.

EDITED BY DEREK HARRIS

BRIEFINGS

A low-cost route for small businesses to gain BS5750 certification, including internal-audit training, has been developed by South London Business Initiative (SLBI), an enterprise agency, helped by Training in Practice, a consultancy. The internal audit element has been built in because about 80 per cent of applicants with consultancy assistance fail because audit skills have been overlooked, SLBI says. For businesses eligible for subsidised assistance under the DTI Enterprise Initiative, this route to BS5750 would cost less than £2,000. SLBI says. The main saving arises from dealing with businesses in groups of about eight. The audit training leads to qualification under the National Registration Scheme managed by the Institute of Quality Assurance.

☐ *Managing People for the First Time* is a new book to help owner-managers facing having to recruit and motivate staff. The author, Peter Stannack, of Project North East, has devised a number of management development programmes for Livewire. The book is available from Pitman Publishing at £17.95.

☐ Hereford and Worcester is to get its Business Link one-stop business advice centre — one of the earliest in the national chain planned by the Government — on April 11, when a Hereford office opens. Others will follow in Worcester, Malvern, Pershore, Leominster and Ross-on-Wye. The Link involves Hereford and Worcester Training and Enterprise Council, Three Counties Chamber of Commerce and the Rural Development Commission, and unites under one roof business advice, information and support. Contact should be made on 0800 10 40 10.

☐ Awards for the best small businesses in Essex will be made by National Westminster Bank to mark its first sponsorship of a county enterprise exhibition. The contest, with a first prize of £2,000, is open to firms with up to five employees. Winners will be announced at a two-day business to business event in Colchester in July. It will include seminars.

☐ A seminar to help small businesses to sell to the Post Office will be held tomorrow in London, run by the Post Office. The cost is £25 plus VAT. Details: South London Business Initiative (071-274 4000).

☐ A list of all organisations in UK chambers of commerce is available from Milton Keynes chamber. The Chambernet national business computer database holds details on 75,000 companies, mainly small businesses, including partnerships and unincorporated companies. It gives details of trading activities, product ranges, brand names and British and international standards held. The project is sponsored nationally by National Westminster Bank. Details: Rhiannon Wilson-Price (0908 662123).

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SCOTTISH OFFICE
MARCH 1994
PRIVATE LEGISLATION PROCEDURE
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1936
LOCH LEVEN AND LOCHABER WATER POWER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application was made on 25th March 1994 to the Secretary of State, Scottish Office, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AU, by Alcan Aluminium UK Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Alcan UK") under the provisions of the above-named Act for a Provisional Order ("the Order") with the above-name or short title.

The following is a concise summary of the purposes of the Order:

1. To make provision for the undertaking of the Lochaber Power Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Power Company") to be transferred to and vested in Alcan UK on a day to be appointed by the directors of Alcan UK.
2. To provide that the Power Company shall cease to exist one year after the transfer of its undertaking to Alcan UK.
3. To make various ancillary and consequential provisions relating to the transfer of the Power Company's undertaking to Alcan UK and to provide for the repeal of certain local enactments upon the transfer of that undertaking.
4. To clarify the statutory rights, benefits and powers attached to the electricity generating undertakings of Alcan UK and the Power Company and to provide for the repeal of certain local enactments relating to those undertakings.
5. To provide a saving for the Electricity Act 1989.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that on and after the 31st March 1994, copies of the Order may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of 50p per copy at the offices of Alcan UK, Chalfont Park, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, SL9 0QB, at Lochaber Smelter, Fort William, Inverness-shire PH33 6TH and at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors and Parliamentary Agents.

PETITIONS AGAINST THE ORDER praying to be heard must be deposited at the Scottish Office, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AU, not later than 6 weeks after 11th April 1994, in the manner and subject to the conditions prescribed by General Orders 75 to 77, copies of which may be inspected at the offices referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph of this notice. Further information regarding deposit of Petitions against Provisional Orders may be obtained from the office mentioned in this paragraph or from the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated the 26th day of March 1994

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LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
J/BOATS SALES (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on Tuesday 5th April 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 18 day of March 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R Frye
Director

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
NO. 00768 of 1994
IN THE MATTER OF SYPTA LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division dated 9th March 1994 confirming the reduction of the Share Capital of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd March 1994.
Dated this 24th day of March 1994
Simpson Curtis
41 Park Square
Leeds LS1 2NS
Ref: GJR
Solicitors for the above named company

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001703 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MOSTYN ESTATES LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition on the 15th day of March 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £250,000 to £4,600 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on Wednesday the 13th day of April 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by that Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 29th day of March 1994
Alsop Wilkinson, of
6 Dowgate Hill,
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Ref: HERP/TES/291273746
Solicitors for the above-named Company

O.H. GROVES & COMPANY LIMITED
IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4. 182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that I, John Roger Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BH, the liquidator of O H Groves & Company Limited intend to make the only distribution to creditors.
Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the liquidator on or before 29 April 1994, the last date for proving. Thereafter the distribution may be made without regard to the claim of any person whose debt has not been proved by that date.
It should be noted that all of the Directors of the company have made a Statutory Declaration that they have made full inquiry into the affairs of the company and that they are of opinion that the company will be able to pay its debts in full within a period of 12 months from the date of liquidation.
Dated this 23 day of March 1994
J R Hill
Liquidator

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	470 †	-8	...	3.7	15.8
314	179	Allied Irish	250 †	+4	...	5.0	∞
278½	130	Aus New Z	240½	-4½	...	3.4	18.9
3806½	2712½	BankAmerica	2787½	-25	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	294	+6	...	4.9	18.7
450	325	Bk Leumi UK	430 †	...	20.0	5.8	∞
247	110½	Bank Scotland	193	+4	4.6	3.0	26.2
652	362	Barclays	539 †	+2	...	3.5	27.5
37	8	Carlisle	32½	...	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	550	+3	28.0	6.4	...
180	85	Cattles	153 †	...	5.0	4.1	∞
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2231½	-15½	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2506½	-37½	...	...	...
571	250	Close Bros	537 †	...	...	3.0	14.6
£153½	9171½	Commerzbk	£141½	+128½	...	2.7	...
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£317½	+23½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	77	-1	...	2.4	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1443½	-12	...	0.4	...
529	345	Gerrard Nat	411	+1	21.5	6.5	10.9
1113	490	HSBC	747 †	-9	23.5	3.9	∞
1133	474	HSBC HK	765 †	-5	23.5	3.8	∞
473	343	Hambros	363	-1	14.3	4.9	16.8
443	313	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.7	5.0	...
170	46	King Shaxson	145	...	9.0	7.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	491 †	...	...	4.7	∞
690	492	Lloyds	562 †	-6	...	4.9	11.9
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	108	-1	3.4	3.9	18.3
630½	322	Nat Aust Bk	556½	-3½	...	4.3	13.5
634	398	Nat West	464 †	-6	...	5.0	12.7
573	270	Provident	481 †	...	...	4.2	15.3
70	39	Rea Bros	69 †	-½	0.7	1.4	∞
528	237	Ryl Bk Scot	418	+4	...	3.3	18.9
1460	467½	Schroders	1155 †	+7½	16.5	1.8	∞
1437	576	Stand Chart	1063 †	-4	...	2.8	10.6
291	145½	TSB	218 †	-½	...	4.4	14.9
199	75½	Union	158 ↓	-1	...	2.4	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	739	-6	...	3.3	10.8
9812½	4843½	Wells Fargo	9812½	+437½	...	2.8	...
260	121	Westpac	230	-9	...	2.4	∞
390	168	Wintrust	353 †	...	...	3.4	31.6

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	556 †	-1½	...	5.0	15.4
647	441	Bass	524	-1	...	4.7	14.0
299	189	Boddington	269 †	...	...	3.7	13.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	423	...	...	3.1	17.0
193	129	Burtonwood Brw	169	...	4.7	3.5	14.1
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	159	+1	...	2.8	22.1
70½	50	Fissers Brewing	57½	-2½	...	5.0	67.7
493	338	Fuller Sm 'A'▲	440	...	7.5	2.1	18.5
506	373	Grand Met	460 †	+5	...	3.5	20.0
511	347	Greenalls Grp	434	...	...	3.6	14.7
594	504	Greene King	506	+1	...	3.1	14.2
542	388	Guinness	479	+9	...	3.4	∞
281	230	Hardy Hanson	252	-2	...	4.2	13.5
160	105	Heavitree▲	160	...	...	2.8	14.5
457	256	Highland Distl	425	...	...	1.9	21.1
3225	2538	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
186	118	Macallan-Glen	144	-2	1.1	1.0	∞
465	365	Marstn Marstn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	200	...	...	2.5	14.3
302	231	Merston Thmp	269	...	...	2.6	15.0
595	288½	Matthew Clark	550 †	-8	...	4.1	31.5
300	125	Morydun W	139	+6	7.0	6.3	12.4
580	455	Morland	495	...	...	2.5	17.0
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	1.9	17.6
267	145	Regent Inns	244 †	+1	...	2.0	24.8
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1178½	-25	...	2.3	19.5
591	393	Scot & New	525	+3	...	4.1	16.1
225	148	Taunton Cider	150	...	6.2	5.2	11.7
306	213	Vaux Group	287	...	...	4.1	18.5
403½	216	Wetherspoon JD	344 ↓	-6	...	2.1	26.7
617	435	Whitbread	526	+2	...	4.3	12.6
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	508	+2	...	3.1	14.3
530	475	Young 'A'	528	...	14.7	3.5	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	183	...	...	1.4	30.0
27	12	Albrighton▲	21	...	...	0.6	...
200	87	Allen▲	175	...	...	3.6	39.2
164	65	Amec	135	-1	3.0	2.8	25.0
454	150	Ashtead▲	407 †	-1	...	1.4	27.2
165	101	Attwoods	125	+1	...	5.1	...
363	180	BPB Ind	340	...	...	2.8	40.7
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	115	...	...	3.4	34.6
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	38½	+½	0.6	1.9	...
108	68	Barcom	79	...	...	4.7	9.5
60	32½	Bardon	49	...	2.0	5.1	26.1
292	94	Barratt Devs	232 †	-5	...	2.7	24.9
304	152½	Bellway	238	+1	...	3.2	22.4
59	15	Bellwinch	52	...	...	...	...
283	98	Berisford Intl	225	-1	...	...	...
573	295½	Berkeley Gp	500	-8	...	1.6	27.0
172	45	Bett Bros	166	...	...	1.5	21.4
93	36	Blockleys	74	...	1.0	1.7	...
391	189	Blue Circle	330	+9	...	4.3	...
365	230	Boot (Henry)	330	...	6.0	2.3	18.5
117	78	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.6	6.1	∞
154	82	Br Dredging	143	...	5.2	4.5	31.7
98	45	Brit Fittings	90	...	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	162 †	-1	...	3.7	24.6
146	53	CALA	118 †	-4	...	2.7	...
409	200	CRH	389 †	-1½	...	2.4	∞
70	18	Cakebread Rby	53	...	...	...	...
42	21	Costain	29½	-1½	...	...	8.7
185	86½	Countryside	160 †	...	...	3.2	35.5
120	35½	Crest Nicholson	108 †	-1	...	1.2	...
140	27	Cussins	126	-1	3.0	3.0	∞
26½	15	Edmond Hldgs	26 †	-½	0.3	1.4	∞
340	178	Epwin	325	...	...	2.9	21.1
82	32	Erith	68	...	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	453	-10	...	2.8	17.1
248	97	Freeman Gp▲	234	...	...	3.2	29.1
60	38	Galliford	49 †	...	...	4.1	...
112	52	Gibbs & Dandy	107 †	-1	2.5	2.9	∞
1028	695	Gleeson (MJ)	998	-2	...	1.6	17.3
173½	75	Hewden-Stuart	144	-1	...	2.4	30.8
53	28	Hewetson	50 †	...	...	3.1	36.9
473	175	Heywd Wlm	393 †	-1½	...	4.0	26.2
145	37	Higgs & Hill	127	...	2.5	2.5	...
38	26	How Gp	28	...	...	5.0	...
32	15	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.7	...
100	30	Ibstock Johnsen	88	...	1.0	1.4	...
25	12½	Jarvis	25	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	339 †	-4	9.0	3.3	∞
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	138	...	...	5.8	...
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405	240	Manders	336 †	+2	...	3.7	17.7
213½	93	Marley	177 †	-2	...	3.0	24.2
155	61	Marshalls	132 †	-1	...	3.8	...
255	122	Maunders (J)	243 †	-½	...	2.7	23.4
330	96	McAlpine (A)	292 †	-3	...	2.8	38.4
82½	23	McCarthy & S	68	...	...	1.0	...
589	272	Meyer Int	505	-6	...	2.5	30.6
190½	62	Mowlem (J)	108	-1½	2.0	2.3	...
249	51	NSM	247	+1	...	...	...
53	36	Needler▲	36	...	...	5.0	16.8
196	106	Newman Tnks	167	-2	6.2	4.7	∞
382	197	Persimmon	294 †	-1½	...	3.9	26.2
26	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1800	1237½	Pochins	1800	...	28.0	2.0	25.6
198	80	Prowting	181	...	3.4	2.3	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	969	+26	...	2.6	36.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	86 †	-1	...	2.9	18.7
40	18	Ransma▲	30	...	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	552	+2	25.0	5.7	32.1
86	64	Roskel	84	...	4.3	6.4	12.4
371	207	Rugby Group	305 †	+4	6.7	2.8	∞
68	23	Sveill-Rvs▲	52	...	...	0.6	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	160	+4½	...	3.3	∞
288	84½	Sheffield Insl	267 †	-1	5.4	2.5	∞
255	52	Sheriff Hldgs▲	255	+2	...	3.3	...
110	66	Shorco▲	108	...	5.2	6.0	24.5
245	196	Smart (J)	222	...	...	4.8	16.7
2	1½	Stannin	2½	...	...	...	...
206	100	Tarmac	182	-3	5.9	3.8	...
257	131	Tay Homes	214 †	+½	...	3.5	26.4
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	153	+9	1.0	0.8	...
700	431	Tilbury Dougls	728	...	33.0	5.7	23.7
60	19	Torex Hire▲	52 †	...	...	1.4	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	338	-1	8.0	3.0	∞
29½	5½	Trencherwood	22	...	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	35	...	...	4.8	∞
38	21	Tudor▲	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
113	41	Vibroplant	94	...	2.5	3.3	33.8
74	20	Ward Hldgs	65	...	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	45	...	...	...	...
505	360	Watts Blake	503	...	...	3.0	21.7
225½	90	Westbury	202	-3	5.0	3.1	31.5
7	3	Wiggins	5½	...	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	520	+3	9.3	2.3	∞
299	147	Wilson (C)	199	+3	3.9	2.6	32.7
249	104	Wimpey G	185 †	+2½	...	1.5	53.1
47	15	YRM	37	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	714	-9	...	...	∞
433	148	Adam & Harvey	433	-3	13.0	3.8	7.9
92	56	Air London▲	70	...	3.5	6.3	12.5
62	37	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
178	12½	Auto Sec	109	+1	...	7.0	19.5
162	84	BET Ord	136	-2	...	3.2	5.1
165	41	BNB Res	164	...	4.9	3.8	∞
318	183	BPP	303 †	+3½	8.8	5.4	∞
196	154	BSM	159	-2	...	4.5	∞
235	195	Barbour Index	209 †	...	8.1	4.9	14.2
1½	0½	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
28	15	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
263	179	Brit Data Mgt	182 †	-1	4.9	3.4	13.3
31	11	Broadcastle▲	27 †	+½	1.0	4.6	∞
76	48	Brooks Service	69	...	...	0.9	...
121	86	CRT Gp	110 †	...	...	3.8	19.8
240	130	Capita Group	226 †	+1½	2.5	1.4	∞
59	31	Casket Plc	51	...	...	2.2	19.6
55	15	Chiltern Capital	24½	...	...	...	...
95	25	Christie	81	...	...	...	...
423	278	Chubb Sec	368	-1	...	1.8	22.9
135	41	Coetac	121	-2	...	1.6	31.2
57	6½	Corp Services	47	...	0.2	0.7	∞
97	23	Countrs Cnsing	93	...	...	...	...
179	50	Dan	146	...	3.3	2.8	19.8
276	195	Davis Service	237	-2	...	4.3	∞
154	85	EW Facil▲	145	...	4.7	4.2	∞
34	11	Gardiner	25½	...	...	3.6	11.4
334	215	Hays	291	...	...	2.4	22.5
299	174	Hogg Robinsn	265	-1	...	3.2	19.3
70	32	Holmes Protectn	33	...	...	...	2.0
305½	127	Hunch Wharp	285½	+7	...	1.7	23.5
2896½	975	ISS B DKr	2293½	-25	...	0.8	∞
637	475	Inchcape	515	-37	...	3.7	∞
1055	609	Johnson Clean	983 †	-7	27.0	3.4	∞
12	2½	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
375	173	Mitie Gp	368 †	-1	4.0	1.4	25.4
1296½	903½	Manpower	1268½	-6½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	77	...	2.1	3.5	∞
279	108	Pennae▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
5½	2	Prime People▲	4½	...	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	68	...	...	27.6	3.5
425	337	RCO	390 †	...	15.2	4.9	13.1
118	86	REA	109	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	43	Reed Executive	121	...	...	...	...
159	105	Reliance Sec▲	118	...	4.5	4.8	31.0
279	178	Rentokil	243 †	+4	2.8	1.5	∞
368	231	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
390	259	Salvesen (C)	261	+1	...	3.8	17.3
58	26	Scott Pickford▲	50	-2	0.8	2.0	15.9
17½	5	Select Appt▲	13½	...	...	...	...
1495	995	Serco Gp	1400 †	...	17.0	1.5	∞
352	80	Sherwd Cmpr▲	81	...	...	10.8	2.6
130	90	Skechley	116	...	...	3.2	26.5
355	310	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
45	24	Waipac	25	...	...	...	...
39½	14	Wills Gp	27½	-½	...	1.9	19.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
290	210	Allied Colloids	269	+1	...	2.0	24.8
1141	613	Amersham	1141	...	...	1.5	32.8
	1½	Anglo Utd		...	...	...	...
£131½	8525	BASF DM	£130½	-90½	...	3.4	...
372	199	BTP	311	+1	...	3.8	25.0
£155½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£154½	+165½	...	2.8	...
165	105	Blagden	127	-2½	1.5	1.5	13.7
165	93	Brent Chems	112½	...	...	4.5	...
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	465	...	...	...	...
29	5	Caird Gp	9½	...	...	...	37.1
149	136	Canning (W)	176	...	7.2	5.3	∞
608	421	Courtaulds	526	+10	...	3.4	13.2
394	223	Croda	376	+3	...	2.6	21.6
149	103	Doeflex	127	...	4.6	4.6	∞
282	175	Ellis & Everard	245	-1	...	3.7	20.6
42½	15½	Euro Colour	41½	...	0.8	2.7	19.9
351	259	Halstead (J)	343	-1	...	2.5	16.8
241	150	Hickson	210	...	...	4.8	18.5
£136½	8950	Hoechst	£136	-228½	...	2.7	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	201 †	-8	4.0	2.5	∞
924	608	ICI	915 †	...	...	4.2	61.2
843	576	Laporte	771 †	-3½	...	3.4	19.3
246	181	Leigh	213	+1	...	4.6	18.5
97½	35	MTM	68	+5	...	...	...
2400	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2218½	...	...	1.4	...
625	370	Paterson Zoch	573	+½	...	2.8	15.1
595	360	-do- 'A'	543 †	+½	...	2.9	14.3
296	193	Plysu	252	...	...	3.6	19.7
342	173	Porvair	340 †	...	4.2	1.5	∞
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	62	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	450	-1	...	4.8	20.8
695	395	Wolstnhlme R	678 †	+1½	18.0	3.3	∞
483	330	Yorks Chem	440 †	-3	...	2.3	20.8
312	233	Yule Catto	278	...	...	2.7	17.3
869	593	Zeneca	748 †	+4	...	4.6	16.5

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	60	-2	...	6.2	...
248	173	Alders	230	+5	...	3.3	17.1
410	257	Argos Plc	355 †	-½	...	2.8	∞
25	8	Ashley Group	8½	...	...	2.8	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	82	-1	0.1	0.2	...
357	278	Asprey	329	-2	5.2	2.0	21.2
199	94	Austin Reed	182	-1	...	1.7	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	-2	...	5.0	15.2
150	94	Bentalls	132	-2	1.9	1.8	...
278	121	Betterware	127	-3	...	2.1	15.2
47	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	133	Body Shop	216	...	...	1.0	27.9
10½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	3	+½	...	...	...
491	318	Brown (N)	458	...	...	2.0	26.9
87½	51	Burton	58½	+½	...	4.4	...
245	126	Cantors	197 †	...	...	2.5	27.4
520	295	Church	398 †	...	13.0	4.1	∞
183	97	Clinton Cards	153	...	4.7	3.9	∞
287	212	Coats Viyella	237 †	-7½	...	4.2	18.1
130	75	Colourvision▲	75	...	5.6	9.3	13.5
181	154	Ctry Casuals	163	...	...	3.2	15.1
935	374	Courts Furnish	808 †	...	3.6	0.8	10.9
210	115	Crown Eyes▲	190	...	7.5	4.9	13.0
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	96	+1½	...	4.0	∞
109½	51½	Dewhirst (D)	103	...	0.8	1.0	33.1
293	189	Dixons Grp	209	+2	...	3.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	10	...	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wmbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
284	71	Essex Furn	261 †	...	...	1.8	42.1
273	203	Etam	222	-1	7.0	3.9	20.8
608	499	Fine Art Dev	509	+1	13.0	3.2	10.6
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	708	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conn▲	134	+4	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	70 †	+1	...	4.0	21.7
104	23	Goldsmiths Gp	104	-3½	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	579 †	-5	...	2.5	17.9
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	...
277	30	Hartstone	61	+1	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	26½	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
110	29	Heritage▲	90	...	...	...	...
91	35	Honeysuckle▲	76 †	...	...	4.1	11.1
211	63	Jacques Vert	188 †	...	...	2.3	14.4
783	496	Kingfisher	557	+7	...	3.4	∞
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	76 †	...	...	6.6	16.0
685	495	Liberty	533	...	7.2	1.7	62.8
380	241	Lloyds Chem	358 †	+1	...	2.8	11.9
184	120	MFI	164	-1	...	2.9	74.5
461½	311	Marks Spencer	417½	+4½	...	2.5	21.3
680	445	Menzies (John)	639 †	-1	...	2.2	16.7
288	135	Moss Bros	283	-1	5.5	2.4	33.2
251	139½	Next	225	+3	3.5	1.9	26.9
58	15	Oliver (G)	58	+5	...	...	...
335	197	Ordflame Intl	270	...	...	4.6	13.2
63	24	Pentos	30½	-2½	0.8	3.3	6.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	259	...	5.1	2.5	18.2
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	34	...	0.5	1.9	∞
209	130	Rosebys	178 †	+½	4.6	3.3	∞
181	130	Sherwood Gp	132	+2	...	2.8	∞
132	93	Sears	118	+½	...	3.7	47.5
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	...	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	525 †	+3	...	3.5	16.9
127	83	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	4½	Specsavers▲	14	+1	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	224	+2	...	2.8	22.1
198	146	T & S Stores	194	+9	6.1	4.0	∞
173	71	Tie Rack	141	...	1.0	0.9	23.1
285	160	Time Products	242	-1	7.7	4.0	20.9
132	63	Usher (Frank)▲	121 †	...	6.0	6.2	13.1
465	302	Vendome	435	-4	...	1.8	20.3
45	27	Vibral	40 †	+½	1.2	1.9	∞
87	42	WEW Group	48	...	...	3.5	35.4
49	34	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
129	76	Wickes	114	...	...	1.1	22.2
80	45	Wld of Leather▲	84	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	179 †	...	4.4	3.1	∞
4	2	Xtra-vision▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	175	+2	...	3.6	17.6
269	212	Acal▲	264 †	-3	...	3.2	20.0
540	385	Admiral	535 †	-½	6.3	1.5	∞
190	104	Alba	177 †	...	...	3.4	20.1
50	19½	Alphameric	36	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	35½ †	...	...	1.8	...
128	61	App Holo▲	97	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	39	...	...	...	...
94½	35½	Astec	88	...	...	1.1	∞
271	230	Azlan	244	...	...	1.5	29.0
293	224	Beales Hunter	267	-1	...	4.4	16.5
9	2	Bennett & Fount	8	...	...	...	...
478	319	BICC	441	+3	...	5.6	31.3
558	408	Blick	494 †	...	...	2.6	18.3
1700	750	Borland▲	800	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	331 †	+2	6.9	2.6	...
489½	376	BT	398	+3	...	5.1	19.2
372½	269½	BT P/P	279½	+2½	...	5.0	18.9
20	5½	Brigin (AF) 'A'	16	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	62 †	-1	...	5.0	48.2
545	334½	Cable Wireless	442	+4	...	2.2	23.1
35½	11½	Chloride	33½	...	...	...	...
276	229	CML Micro▲	273	...	4.7	2.2	19.8
181	74	Comptr People	181	...	1.5	1.0	∞
202	108½	Cray Elect	173 †	+2½	...	1.3	16.8
447	243	Critchley	428	-4	...	1.4	24.6
560	414	Delta	536 †	+4½	...	3.4	∞
580	205	Denmans El▲	573	...	...	1.4	18.4
620	395	Domino	475 †	...	...	2.1	20.4
77	48	Dowding Mills	72	...	...	4.1	20.4
1695	865	Druck▲	1455	-20	10.3	0.9	29.2
589	358	Electrocomponts	525	+9	...	2.0	29.6
236½	156½	El Data Prc	188 ↓	...	...	1.2	16.1
175	43	Electron House	143 †	...	...	2.4	20.5
35	10½	Emess	32 †	+½	0.1	0.4	∞
810	442	Eurotherm	777 †	+4	...	1.5	26.4
212	108	FKI	202	-1	...	2.0	29.6
656	340	Farnell Elect	579	+10	...	1.4	30.7
91	33	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	101	First Tech	301	...	...	0.8	25.1
270	81	Forward Gp▲	245	...	4.0	2.0	17.3
33½	13½	Forward Tech	33½	...	0.2	0.9	∞
367½	264	GEC	293½ †	-6½	10.4	4.4	14.7
199	132	Graseby	160 †	+½	...	5.1	∞
14½	7½	Graystone	14	+½	...	...	...
52	35	Hiliclare▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	118	Ind Control	156 †	-2½	...	3.7	13.9
388	320	Jones Stroud	340 †	...	...	3.3	13.7
141	26	Kalamazoo	126	-2	3.7	2.7	28.3
19	8	Kembrey	10½	...	0.1	1.8	...
396	260	Kenwood App	365	...	...	2.7	20.5
298	47	Kewill Sys▲	254	+1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	128	...	6.0	5.9	∞
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	25	...	...	...	...
365	95	LBMS▲	95	...	0.7	1.0	13.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	273	-2	9.0	4.1	...
179	126	Life Sciences	127 †	...	3.9	3.8	∞
314	164	Logica	288 †	-1½	...	1.8	33.2
59	35	LPA Ind▲	47	...	...	6.5	...
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	205 †	-1	...	3.4	22.8
723	523	Macro 4	655 †	...	...	3.7	19.7
281	175½	Memrier-Sw▲	220 †	...	...	2.2	19.2
3013	903	Micro Focus	928	...	...	...	8.9
227	144	Microgen	148 †	...	...	6.1	14.9
38½	23½	Microvitec▲	33	+1	...	...	...
559	357	Misys	511 †	...	...	1.8	18.7
594	98	Mitel	325	-1	...	...	...
178	108	MMT Comp▲	178	...	...	2.8	24.2
52	16	Molynx	24	...	1.3	6.8	...
283	202	MTL Inst▲	283 †	...	4.1	1.8	∞
165	103	Muirhead Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	58	Murray Ent	130	...	...	1.9	...
3206½	2362½	NYNEX	2362½ †	-75	...	...	...
188	120	Newtronics	120	...	...	2.7	20.9
65	42	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
371	58	Norbain▲	319	+1	...	0.6	34.6
75	20	Northamber	55	...	0.6	1.4	...
15½	3	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	195	Oxford Inst	322	...	4.6	1.8	22.2
87	29	P & P	69½	...	...	3.7	16.7
98	55	Peek	81½	+½	3.4	5.4	∞
238	115	Pegasus▲	203	...	5.0	3.1	∞
£104½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
1943½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1908½	+46½	...	0.9	∞
440	211	Phonelink▲	369	-2	...	...	...
340	171½	Pifco	333 †	...	...	1.6	27.9
330	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	323 †	...	...	1.7	27.1
96	63	Plasmec▲	78	+3	3.0	5.0	∞
121	78	Pressac	112	...	...	2.9	23.7
261	81	Psion▲	226	...	2.5	1.4	60.0
261	147	Racal Elect	209	+1	4.2	2.5	12.4
70	33	Radamec	43	...	...	4.4	9.2
70	24	Radius▲	31	+2	0.4	1.8	∞
118	61	Real Time▲	104	...	...	3.6	21.3
629	367	Sage Gp	524	...	...	2.4	16.1
350	222	Sanderson Elec	320	...	9.9	3.9	13.6
89	49	Scantronic	77	...	3.1	5.2	21.3
212	117	Scholes Grp	191 †	-5½	...	3.3	20.0
403	270	Sema Gp	391	...	3.1	1.0	∞
275	235	Servomex	270	...	5.9	2.7	20.4
49	26	Silverstones	43	...	...	2.9	...
94	37	Soundtracks▲	77 †	...	...	3.9	19.3
2962½	1777½	TDK	2809½	+46½	...	1.1	32.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	12½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	130 †	+1	1.0	1.0	∞
292	178	Telspec	248	-2	...	1.3	31.2
1154	809	THORN EMI	1053	+3	...	3.8	24.4
191	96	Thorpe FW	191	...	...	1.7	22.2
103	23	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	290	...	...	1.5	20.7
324	164	Unitech	315 †	...	...	2.5	53.6
16	6	Verity	12½	+½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec▲	29½	+1	0.3	1.6	17.4
617	387	Vodafone	532	+1	...	1.8	23.1
483	368	Volex	462	-1	18.1	4.9	19.0
26	11	Western Selectn	24	...	0.2	1.3	...
335	223	Wholesale Fttgs	323 †	-2	11.7	4.5	34.3

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	616	+24	...	4.2	10.9
725½	399	Eastern Elect	650	+17	...	3.9	12.4
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	388	+15½	...	3.8	13.6
731½	414	London Elect	600	+20	...	4.4	11.3
850	458	Manweb	716	+18	...	3.8	8.9
767	424½	Midlands Elec	628	+22	...	4.2	9.9
510	271	National Powr	459	+8½	...	3.0	11.4
801	440	Northern Elec	674	+22	...	4.2	8.8
301	100	Nthn Ireland	269 †	+5	...	3.2	13.0
806	439	Norweb	661	+30	20.8	3.9	9.5
582	273	PowerGen	535	+4	...	2.6	14.0
487	285	Scottish Power	409	+14	...	3.5	15.2
435	218	Seeboard	337	+14	...	3.8	10.5
825	469	Sth Wales	687	+17	...	4.2	10.5
743	428	Sth Western	651	+28	...	4.1	9.6
745½	406	Southern Elec	641	+18	...	4.0	8.5
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	624 †	+27	...	4.3	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	57	+1	1.0	2.2	12.1
165	47	BWD▲	128 †	...	4.0	3.9	20.0
118	26	Baltic Plc	103 †	...	...	1.8	∞
215	133	Blutec Inv	210	+3	...	...	...
757	413	Caledonia	669	-1	...	2.9	24.9
2500	1075	Camellia	2359½	...	...	1.6	8.9
363	243	Candover	331	...	11.0	4.2	∞
465	155	Govett	412 †	+1	...	4.6	8.4
250	125	Ivory Sime	219	-2	...	4.0	18.9
428	130	Johnson Fry	268	...	...	1.5	...
245	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	208 †	...	9.3	5.6	∞
87	47	Manakin	79	...	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	17½	-½	...	...	0.4
58	40	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	346	Rathbone Bro	323	...	6.5	2.5	19.6
29	17	Rutland Tst	29	-3	...	3.8	∞
400	253	S & U	343	-1	10.2	3.7	12.7
114	48	Singer & Fried	94	...	...	4.1	11.9
1260	713	Sotheby's	1208	-5	...	1.3	...
188	113	SIP Capital	147	...	3.0	2.6	60.6
224	183	Towry Law	230 †	...	...	2.6	21.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2956½	1487½	Amer Express	1981½	-6½	...	...	...
229	166	Gartmore	190	...	...	2.6	∞
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1000	-3	...	3.2	23.1
251½	92	Invesco	205	...	...	1.8	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	232½	+16½	...	3.7	...
323	156	MAI	284 †	+1½	...	3.0	15.5
770	389	MAM	619	...	16.0	3.2	18.5
1243	633	M & G	995	...	...	3.1	20.8
498	109	Smith New Crt	380	-1	...	2.3	3.7
81	44	Trio Hldgs	44	-1½	2.5	7.1	∞

FOODS

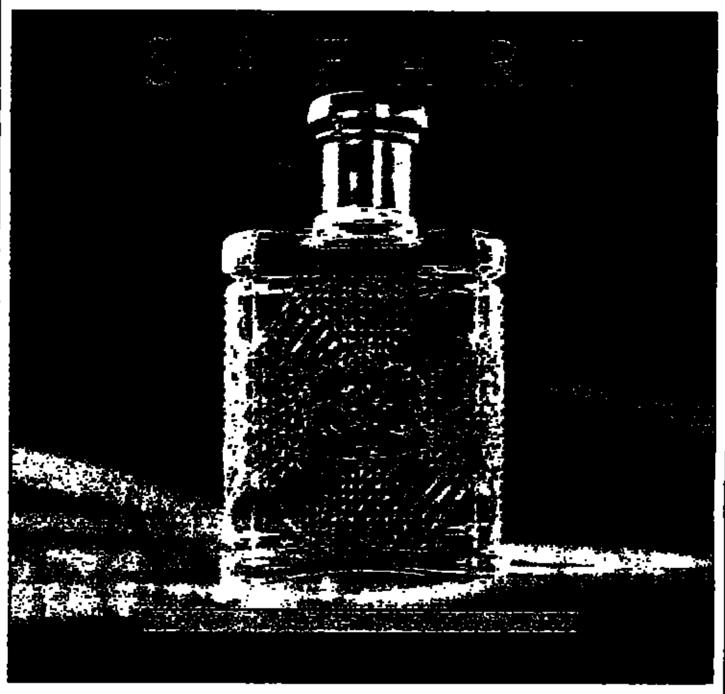
1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	555	+7	...	3.4	11.5
77½	46½	ASDA Group	57 †	+½	1.6	3.6	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	319 †	-1	...	3.1	11.7
80	55	Albert Fisher	60	...	...	7.8	13.3
407	240	Argyll	282	+2	...	3.7	9.1
270	160	Banks (S C)	253 †	+1	9.0	4.4	9.6
402	305	Barr (AG)	320 †	-2	6.5	2.5	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsps▲	61 †	+2	2.8	5.8	∞
481	357	Booker	427	...	...	6.6	∞
56½	35	Borthwick	53	-½	...	2.8	65.8
505	430	Brake Bros	471	...	6.3	1.7	19.6
51	36	Budgens	36 †	...	...	4.5	10.9
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	476 †	+2	...	3.8	15.5
232	178	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
196	133	Cranswick	136	...	...	7.4	12.9
22	8½	Cullens	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
384	114	Dalepak	114 †	...	...	5.5	33.2
543	484	Dalgety	447	+2	...	8.9	12.8
87	27	Daniels S	77	...	...	0.5	∞
294	191	Devro	254	+6	...	2.8	∞
134	60	Everest	71 †	+½	...	6.5	13.5
392	269	Farepak	392	...	5.9	1.9	24.1
10	3	Farringford	6½	-½	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.7	35.6
125	78	Fyffes	95 †	+1	...	1.9	16.3
483	242	Geest	345	...	8.1	4.2	∞
20½	7	Global▲	17	-1	0.5	3.7	∞
68	43	Grand Central	49	-2	0.8	2.0	...
200	139	Hazlewood Fds	151	-1	...	5.4	8.5
196½	131	Hillsdown	171	...	...	6.7	12.7
250	146	Iceland Group	156	+4	3.8	3.1	∞
131	92	JLI Group	106	-3	...	5.5	11.7
853	542	Kwik Save	590	-1	...	3.9	10.6
262	144	Low (Wm)	151	...	...	7.0	5.3
113	41	Matthews (B)	98 †	-3½	2.5	3.2	∞
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	...	0.9	9.1	26.6
174	84	Morrison (W)	117	...	...	1.1	∞
246	177	Nichols (JN)	236	...	5.7	3.1	∞
291	206½	Nthn Foods	213	+5	...	5.0	10.4
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fn▲	12	...	...	...	...
232	172	Nurdin Peack	211	...	...	3.7	11.7
117½	66½	Park Foods	111 ‡	...	...	2.4	25.7
115	58	Perkins Food	72	-1	...	8.0	∞
141	47	PizzaExpress	116 †	...	...	0.5	24.5
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	3½	...	...	...	...
384	342	Sainsbury J	374	+11	...	3.4	13.1
86	33	Senny Farm▲	83	...	1.5	2.3	14.9
225	90	Sims Food	104	...	...	7.8	20.0
467½	355½	Tate & Lyle	440	+6	...	3.7	11.8
273	176	Tesco	214½	+2	...	4.3	9.7
211	123	Thorntons	189 †	...	...	2.5	...
229	101	Treats▲	211 †	...	...	2.4	17.7
434½	300	Unigate	389	+7	...	5.7	11.8
437	324	Utd Biscuits	339 †	-2½	...	5.6	∞
24½	18	Usborne	18	...	...	3.7	13.3
422	248	Watson & Phil	390	...	...	4.6	16.3
59	30½	West Trust	42 †	...	...	8.0	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	32	+4	...	...	...
94	77	City Centre Rest	84	...	1.5	2.3	20.3
285	170	Forte	257	-½	...	3.6	20.2
215	148	Friendly Hotels	180	...	...	4.0	35.1
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	146½	+½	...	4.4	11.9
222½	142	Ladbroke	199 †	+2	...	3.8	55.2
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	90½	+4½	...	3.7	∞
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels E	24	...	...	5.2	...
1125	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125	...	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	85 †	...	1.0	1.5	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	51	-7	...	21.6	3.1
616	455	AAH	469	+3	...	4.7	15.6
185	123	AIM	171 †	...	...	5.5	20.9
138	88	APV	116½	-½	...	5.8	∞
238	81	ASW	188 †	-1	...	4.0	∞
202	118	Adwest	185	+2	...	4.9	17.8
29	10	Aerospace Eng	17 †	...	...	5.5	...
312	249	Airsprung	265	...	...	2.2	16.9
211	113	Alexdra W	206	...	4.1	2.5	32.6
13½	6½	Allied Radio	10½	...	...	...	...
330	207½	Alumasc	308 †	...	...	2.5	17.1
72½	17	Alvis	70 †	+2	...	1.8	12.6
745	345	Amber Ind	725	...	...	3.3	16.6
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	45	-2	1.0	2.8	...
107	75	Anagen	75	-1	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	95	...	...	3.9	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1475	-5	...	1.4	∞
62	37	Armour	51½ †	+½	...	4.0	12.0
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
625	434	Avon Rubber	583	...	...	3.5	20.5
300	168	Assoc Nursg▲	290	...	...	0.4	17.8
687½	435	Atlas Equip	533	...	22.0	5.3	∞
95	35	Ayrshire Metal	83	...	1.5	2.3	∞
224	147	BBA	201 †	-2	...	4.7	...
122	28	BLP Group▲	122	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	38	...	...	...	...
770	590	BOC	725	+8	...	4.0	28.5
86½	30	BSG	75	...	3.2	5.5	∞
578	353	BSS Group	539	...	...	4.0	30.1
409½	318	BTR	374 †	-3	...	4.1	19.7
221	147	BWI	165	...	...	5.1	15.3
50	25½	Babcock	35½	-½	...	3.9	21.2
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8	...	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	241	-3	8.9	4.7	∞
531½	393½	Barlow	412½	-18½	...	7.9	7.5
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	72	+2	...	2.9	∞
28½	14	Bearing Power	22	-½	...	4.3	14.0
300	223	Beauford	30	...	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
27½	13	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
707	285	Bespak	300	...	10.2	4.2	9.4
133	55	Bibby (J)	80	...	...	3.1	...
312	129	Billam (J)	230 †	...	5.3	3.2	∞
41	21½	Bilston Battsen▲	28	+2	...	...	...
11½	2	Bimec Ind	6½	+½	...	...	...
283	118½	Birkby	275	-2	3.7	1.7	14.3
45	29	Black Arrow	41	-2	2.1	6.4	12.9
283	136	Black (Peter)	257 †	-3	3.8	1.9	20.1
863	129	Bluebird Toys▲	730	-20	16.0	2.8	∞
329	230	Bodycote	316	...	...	2.0	20.2
40	23	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
609	416	Boots	525	-5	...	3.3	20.7
61	39	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
524	402	Bowater	449 †	+8½	...	3.5	∞
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1569½ #	+9½	...	...	...
297	199	Boxmore Intl▲	285 ‡	...	4.0	1.8	∞
20	12½	Brasway	16½	...	...	3.9	...
333	204	Bremner	309	...	13.0	5.3	23.0
31	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	...
143	64	Bridon	143	...	...	3.6	∞
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	78	+1	...	4.0	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	46½ †	+½	...	7.2	11.5
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	212 †	+1½	...	4.7	17.9
126	42	Br Bloodstock▲	100	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	452	-1	11.5	3.2	∞
147½	54	Br Steel	140½	+½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	121	-2	...	5.2	12.5
298	215	Br Vita	279 †	-½	...	3.3	23.4
18½	5½	Britton Grp	14½	...	...	1.6	∞
931½	555	Broken Hill	812½	-11	...	2.3	36.8
125	78	Bromsgrve Ind	105 †	+2	...	5.2	13.7
18½	6½	Brooke Tool	14½	-½	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	49	...	...	...	...
186	91	Bullough	160 †	-1	...	4.7	70.0
24	11½	Business Tech▲	11½	...	...	...	...
22	12	CI Group	17	...	0.5	4.2	16.3
54	11	Campbll & Arm	45	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	31½	...	...	...	...
475	388	Canab Pharms	462	...	...	...	...
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	254	Caradon	386	+5	...	2.8	31.2
215½	128	-do- pf	187	+1	7.2	4.8	...
295	178	Carclo Eng	261	-8	...	4.2	19.4
10	6½	Care UK	7 †	...	...	...	...
2887½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2206½	+15½	...	2.8	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	89 †	...	...	3.4	21.6
237	158	Castings	230	...	4.6	2.3	17.6
71	40	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
250	213	Celltech	219	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
812	685	Charter	738	-1	...	3.7	11.3
360	220	Chemring	320	+1	...	3.5	16.6
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	54 †	-1	...	8.1	10.8
47	19½	Chillington	45	...	1.0	2.8	...
246	144	Christies Int	216 †	-½	...	1.2	∞
80	34	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
150	55	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
455	295	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	179	Community H	278 †	-1½	...	3.3	15.8
263	186½	Concentric	233	-2	...	3.1	19.3
310	120	Cook (Wm)	281	...	6.0	2.7	17.0
283	182	Cookson	260 †	+½	...	3.0	∞
110	38	Copymore▲	108 †	...	4.0	4.6	∞
238	138	Crnwll Pkr 'A'	161 †	...	...	4.4	21.8
178	92	Cosalt	131	...	...	5.1	...
285	150	Creighton Nt▲	288	-7	7.4	3.5	19.2
48	27	CrestaCare	38 †	+½	0.7	2.5	∞
4087½	2903½	Dana	4075	+18½	...	...	...
398	287½	Danka Bs Sys	368	+8	...	0.5	34.5
296	193	David Brown	275	...	...	2.7	19.5
1021	682	De La Rue	945	...	...	2.5	22.8
42	16	Dinkie Heel	41	...	1.1	3.4	32.6
628	391	Diploma	557	+1½	...	2.7	22.3
97	50	Dobson Park	79	...	...	5.9	17.9
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	110 †	-3	5.0	5.7	20.2
97	57	-do- 'A'	81 †	-3	5.0	7.7	14.9
16½	8	EPG	14	...	...	...	...
442	358	EIS	433	-2	...	3.5	17.1
28	15	Eibief	21	-1	...	...	...
53	19	Eleco	48	...	...	...	...
3534½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3100	+37½	...	1.7	∞
91	43	Elliott (B)	86	...	...	...	...
548	394	Eng China Cl	483 †	-18½	...	5.2	29.7
146	111	Environmed	132 #	...	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2987½	+31½	...	1.3	∞
86	32	Eurocopy	64 †	...	...	3.3	18.9
87	47	Expamet	82 †	+½	...	3.8	∞
778	499	Fairey Group	736	-2	11.8	2.0	∞
145	47	Fenner	140	...	...	...	...
109	32	Ferraris Group	109	+4	...	2.3	16.2
29	7	Ferrum	9	+1	1.4	19.4	6.3
78	26	Fife Indmar	66 †	-1	2.7	5.2	∞
251	102	Fisons	132½	+1½	...	4.1	...
60	29	Fitzwilton	41 †	...	...	10.7	...
288	215	Flogas	278	...	...	3.8	12.7
51	33	Folkes Group nv	49	...	1.5	3.8	27.8
126	56	French (Thomas)	120	...	...	3.8	25.7
284	162	Frost Group	222	...	4.9	2.8	∞
88	70	GEI Intl	86	...	...	3.6	...
601½	420½	GKN	551 ↓	-3	...	4.7	35.9
69	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	122	...	4.5	4.7	∞
191	103	Gestetner	150 †	+1	...	2.5	...
68	23	Glaves	59	...	...	...	42.7
801	509	Glaxo	621 †	-4	...	4.8	14.7
46	16	Glenchewton	45	...	...	...	...
404	245	Glynwed	376	-2	...	4.0	22.0
191	66	Goode Durrant	169	-1	...	3.7	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	169	...	5.5	4.1	29.3
598	341	Granada	547 †	+5	...	2.0	21.6
487	301	Great Shrm▲	483	...	11.4	3.0	19.9
117	73	Green (Rmsy)▲	87 †	-½	...	10.2	12.3
19½	9½	Grosmacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.1
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
84½	29	Haden MacLn	64 †	...	...	4.0	∞
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	84	...	...	...	50.0
320	115	Hall Eng	269 †	+1	9.5	4.4	∞
256	161	Halma	225	...	...	1.2	28.2
71	30	Hampson Ind	62	...	1.7	3.4	20.5
302	221	Hanson	269½	-5½	...	5.3	25.0
182	138	Harris (Philip)	138	-3	...	6.2	8.4
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	210	+2	9.0	5.4	30.3
171	38	Havelock Euro	147	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
50	17	Headway	36	-3	...	2.4	...
511	301	Hepworth	407 †	+6½	14.8	4.6	∞
228	154	Hewitt (J)	173	...	3.2	2.3	13.5
73	15	High-Point	59	+1	0.5	1.1	...
184½	102½	Hill & Smith	164 ↓	+1½	...	4.3	18.9
28	6½	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	87	Holders Tech▲	184 †	-3	6.0	4.1	∞
63	30	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
216	133	Hornby▲	197 †	+4	9.0	5.7	∞
105	54½	Howden	94	...	...	3.0	14.8
280	235	Hunslock	236	-1	...	3.2	16.8
265	173	Hunting	241	...	...	5.2	20.3
513	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	473	...	...	1.1	31.3
379	247	IMI	343 †	+½	...	3.6	28.7
138	90	ISA Intl	138	...	1.6	1.5	∞
205	128	Intercare Gp▲	129 †	...	...	3.4	12.3
325	235	Isotron	318 †	-½	4.4	1.8	17.9
710	360	Jardine Math	459½	+44½	...	3.3	∞
610	425	Johnson Math	588	+2½	...	2.2	22.0
84	37½	Johnston & FB	43½	...	...	3.9	41.4
177	104	Johnson	149	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
36	18	Jourdan (T)	29	-1	0.7	3.2	...
187½	73	Kalon	177½ †	...	...	3.0	∞
297	195	Kelsey Ind	260	...	8.0	3.8	∞
805	465	Kenshaw (A)	755 †	...	...	4.5	38.9
236	75	Kleeneze	225 †	...	...	0.6	72.8
422	266	Laird	360	+1	...	3.6	17.7
170	103	Lilleshall	155 †	...	...	3.7	16.9
229	97	Lincat▲	217 †	+½	...	3.6	15.3
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	39	...	...	...	19.8
149	76	Linread	148	+1	3.9	3.3	∞
355	170	Linton Park	335	-3	...	5.2	12.1
15½	9½	Lionheart	10½	+½	0.3	3.6	∞
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17½	...	0.8	6.1	25.5
274	97	Lon Intl	148	+3	6.2	5.3	...
175½	70	Lonrho	153 †	-1	...	3.3	75.4
431	269	Low & Bonar	398 †	+1	...	3.1	∞
49	14½	ML Hldgs	44	+½	...	...	...
67	27	MS Intl	60	...	...	5.2	36.8
70	39	MY Holdings	58 †	...	...	3.3	15.2
271	166	Macfarlane	230	+1	...	1.8	26.0
539	379	McKechnie	534	-1	...	3.5	25.2
127	85	McLeod Russel	105	...	...	7.3	13.5
106	63	Magnolia	96	-3	0.1	0.1	15.4
163	71	Mang Bronze	146 †	-1½	...	3.0	24.2
28½	19½	Marling	21	...	...	5.1	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	189	-1	5.7	3.8	∞
64	29	Mayflower	55	+1	...	1.0	45.9
236	85	Medeva	144 †	+2½	2.7	2.3	∞
120	88	Meggitt	109	+½	...	4.4	18.6
132	90	Metalrax	126	...	4.0	4.1	∞
154	112	Metrotect	115	+1	...	3.5	16.0
120	70	Mersec▲	120	...	...	...	...
124	29	Midsummer	107	...	...	0.9	14.9
575	366	Molins	560	...	...	3.5	∞
408	282	Morgan Cble	384	-4	...	4.1	20.1
217	134	Morris Ashby▲	215 †	...	5.7	3.3	16.3
51	18	Neepsend	37	...	1.0	3.4	49.6
80	34	Nestor-BNA	75	-1	3.1	5.4	∞
249	122	Nobo Gp	234	+2	5.3	2.8	23.1
212½	122½	Norcros	162	+2	...	5.4	23.7
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
81	36	Office Elec Mac	48	...	...	...	...
64	21	OMI Intl	54	-½	...	4.1	...
175	123	PCT▲	170	...	7.2	5.3	19.3
97	36	Pacer Systems▲	72	...	...	6.2	∞
43	31	Pascoe's	35	...	...	...	...
138	86	Pentland	86	-1	...	4.7	∞
395	264	Photo-Me	264 †	-11	4.7	2.2	15.9
204	97½	Pilkington	192	+1	...	1.7	...
110	68	Plantsbrook	93	...	3.4	4.7	∞
185	125	Polypipe	152 †	...	...	1.8	19.5
42	15	Porter Chadburn	24	...	...	2.1	11.0
376	270	Powerscreen	277	...	...	3.1	14.4
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	19½ †	-½	...	5.2	11.2
77	37½	RPS Group▲	71	...	2.4	4.3	∞
108	73	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	147	-1	1.0	0.9	48.2
447½	254½	Rank Org	400	+1	...	3.9	21.7
33	13	Ransomes	18	+1	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	608 †	+17	...	3.6	∞
95	50	Record	88	...	3.6	5.3	∞
7½	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	131	Relyon	255 †	+6	5.2	2.5	∞
308	208	Renishaw	270 †	+1	...	3.0	34.0
153	85	Renold	143	-1	...	1.5	...
2159	1240	Reuters	2018 †	+5	...	1.6	28.1
88	24½	Rexmore	81	-½	2.0	3.2	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	173 †	+1	...	4.3	34.5
76	58	Richard (Leics)	69	...	3.7	6.8	...
104½	61	Richardson West	89 ↓	-2	...	4.1	∞
155	109	Ropner	152	...	8.2	6.8	21.5
152	97	-do- 'A'	149	...	8.2	6.9	21.1
38	14	Rota Gp	18	...	0.8	4.5	7.4
195	131½	Rotork	175	+1	...	2.7	20.5
190	80	Rubicon	149 †	...	...	3.6	18.8
75	43	Russell (A)	65	-1	...	1.0	...
38½	15	SEP Indl	38½	...	0.8	2.6	∞
1137½	625	SKF 'B'	1178½	+3½	...	...	...
272	205	Scapa	235	+1	...	3.0	17.5
238	179	Scholl	183	-2	...	4.5	∞
323	242	Scotia	274	...	...	...	...
1291	917	Securicor	1200 †	...	...	0.3	35.4
1036	562	-do- 'A'	857 †	+3	...	0.4	25.3
892	465	Security Serv	767 †	...	...	0.9	28.2
154½	77	Senior Eng	141½	-½	...	2.8	23.6
361	278	Sexon Health	319	...	...	2.4	18.8
166	80	Shiloh	151	...	3.0	2.5	16.3
349	271	Sidlaw	334	-1	...	3.9	16.6
630	427	Siebe	588 †	+9	...	2.2	20.7
383	220	Silentnight	305	-6	...	3.3	16.5
181	102	Sime Darby	151	+1	...	3.3	16.3
142	32	Simon Eng	123	+1	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	221 †	...	...	4.0	17.9
47	35	Six Hundred	44	...	...	4.3	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	139½	+1½	...	4.5	13.9
513	373	SmithKline	382 †	-3	...	3.6	15.4
450	340	Smithkline Uts	347 †	-½	...	3.9	14.0
527½	320	Smiths Ind	482	+1	...	3.1	19.3
140	58	Stkn Bus	86	+3	...	5.4	4.5
585	265	Spandex▲	580	...	...	1.5	∞
660	300	Spear (JW)	630	...	19.0	3.9	∞
411	314	Spirax-Sarco	401	...	...	2.9	25.2
137½	47½	Spring Ram	63½	+1½	...	1.0	∞
270	201	Staveley	212	...	...	5.0	12.0
242	126	Sterling Ind	232	...	...	3.2	35.6
220	97	Suter	197 †	...	...	5.8	17.4
611	344	Swire Pacic 'A'	471½	-12½	...	2.1	∞
7	1	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	50	Sykes-Pick	51	...	3.0	7.5	9.8
178	120	Syltone	173	...	...	3.5	25.0
495	279	TI	394 †	+9	...	3.6	22.7
44	12	TLS Range▲	33	...	0.5	1.9	∞
386	211	TT Group	371	+1	...	2.2	∞
282	201	Takare	232 †	+1½	2.0	1.1	20.2
808	618	Takeda Chem	782½	-½	...	0.8	14.8
68	24	Tex Hldgs	45	+4	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	94	...	...	7.5	16.2
240	150	Tiron▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	247 †	...	...	3.4	18.2
134	59	Trafalgar H	100 †	...	...	4.1	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	90	...	3.2	4.4	11.3
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	168	-2	...	5.5	19.3
318	214	UniChem	296 †	+1½	6.5	2.7	∞
440	225½	Unidare	405	-½	...	2.6	22.0
76	11½	Unigroup	44	...	...	...	...
1249	908	Unilever	1023 †	-5	25.0	3.1	∞
8118½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7198½	-18½	...	2.9	11.0
29½	4	Utd Inds	17½ #	...	...	...	...
1093	513	VSEL	995	-12	...	3.8	10.7
31½	6½	Verson	20½	...	...	...	...
196	95½	Vickers	183 †	-½	...	2.0	22.9
367	243	Victaulic	296 †	-2½	...	3.4	∞
522	283	Vinten	516	...	...	1.9	∞
805	427	Vosper Thorny	794	...	...	2.6	18.4
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45 †	...	...	5.0	∞
525	368	Wagon Ind	499	-3	...	4.4	22.0
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	17.7
114	71	Walker Greenbk	100	...	3.1	3.9	23.5
304	201	Wassall	265 †	+3½	3.4	1.6	∞
51	22	Watford Widged	51	+2	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	321 †	+2½	...	2.5	∞
693	549	Wellcome	570	-2	...	4.7	11.9
30	16	Wellman	28½	...	0.9	3.9	46.9
400	260	West Hillcare	323 †	+3	...	1.5	20.7
548	435	Whatman	524 †	-3	10.2	2.4	∞
353	211	Whessoe	253	...	...	4.1	11.9
111	27	Whitecroft	105	+1	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	11½	...	...	...	...
191	44	Wilkes (James)	160	-1	3.5	...	46.8
422	295½	Williams Hldg	394	+3	...	4.1	22.4
53	17	Wilshaw	49½	+1	...	1.5	28.7
975	533	Wolseley	930	+11	...	2.0	22.5
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	+3	3.0	2.4	∞
46	35	Wylo	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	75	...	...	5.5	...



INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1263½	-18½	...	5.4	...
2406½	1725	Am Gen	1868½	-37½	...	4.1	...
86	30	Archer	56	...	...	2.2	...
165	118	Bradstock	138 †	...	...	5.0	15.6
550	359½	Britannic	445	+2	15.7	2.9	∞
117	96	CLM Insce	100	...	...	...	...
711	556	Com Union	583 †	+1	...	5.3	19.3
1950	1225	Dom & Gen	1915 †	-½	...	1.6	25.3
64	18	FAI	51	-2	...	1.0	...
194	166	Fenchurch Grp	174	+1	...	5.2	15.5
757	546	Gen Accident	629	+6	...	5.6	13.5
247	160	GRE	186 †	-2	...	5.1	2.6
457	283	Heath C E	374	...	...	5.3	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	133	...	8.1	7.7	12.1
323	255	Independent Ins	283	...	8.2	3.7	∞
235	162	HB Group	195 †	-1	7.5	4.8	∞
547	408½	Legal & Gen	483 †	-1½	...	5.2	∞
1353½	768½	Liberty Life	1137½	-78½	...	2.8	18.1
121	99	LIMIT	101½	...	...	...	...
471	389	Lloyds Abbey	409 †	+4	...	5.5	13.1
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	294	-2	6.7	2.8	18.3
443	274	Londn & Man	376	...	14.7	4.9	22.7
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	430	...	14.0	4.1	15.4
6743½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5337½	-331½	...	3.4	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	185	+5	...	3.8	18.5
131	76	Oriel	120	...	...	5.2	...
83	50½	PWS	73 †	+1	...	6.8	13.5
385	282½	Prudential	312 †	-5½	...	5.3	∞
404	266½	Refuge	340 †	...	11.3	4.2	∞
350	248	Royal	277 †	+6	...	3.4	12.6
222	150	Sedgwick	204 †	-2	...	3.7	23.0
261	100	Steel Burrill	129	+10	...	9.1	∞
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	73 †	...	...	5.1	62.0
418	307	Sun Alliance	337 †	+3½	14.7	5.5	∞
96	50	Trade Indemnty	90	-1	0.5	0.7	∞
464	239	Transatlantic	411 ↓	+3	...	3.6	37.5
773	499	Utd Friendly	588	-7	15.1	3.2	25.6
245	171	Willis Corroon	228 †	...	...	3.6	21.2
28	13½	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1822 †	-7½	...	3.2	...
161	124	BZW Conv	148½	-1	7.8	6.6	...
219	133½	Bankers	198	+1½	...	2.3	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	345 †	...	...	2.4	...
248	131	Berry Starq	242 †	+1½	2.2	1.1	∞
120½	96½	Br Assets	104 †	...	...	5.1	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	92½	...	...	1.3	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	35	-1	...	...	...
234	156	Br Inv	204	-2	4.6	2.8	...
272	174	Brunner	244 †	-½	...	2.7	...
221	130	Contl Asset	205 †	...	...	1.8	...
195	143	Derby Inc	153	...	...	12.9	...
325	195	-do- Cap	290	...	...	...	...
100	62	Drayton Blue	91	...	8.4	11.5	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	102½	...	1.0	1.2	...
156	84	-do- Far East	136 †	...	...	0.6	...
177	95	-do- Korea	141	...	0.5	0.5	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	703 †	...	26.1	4.6	∞
108	76	-do- Japan	101	...	...	...	...
80	34	-do- Warrants	72	+1	...	...	...
827	513	-do- Wrwde	784	-1	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	325	...	...	3.5	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	312	...	8.5	3.4	...
354	183	Electra Inv	312	...	...	2.8	...
220	141	Electric Gen	195	-1	3.1	2.0	...
127	85	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	205	European Asset	325 †	...	...	1.7	∞
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	158	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	314 †	-1½	...	0.6	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	96	+1	...	...	...
92	52	-do- Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
267	190½	-do- Claver	224	...	...	3.1	...
385	212	Do Cond	351	-1	2.7	1.0	...
264	147	-do- Emp	234 †	...	...	2.6	...
459	213	-do- F East	337	-2	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	392 †	...	3.0	1.0	∞
122	93	-do- HI Inc	104 †	+½	...	5.3	...
273	136	-do- Japan	261	+2	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	300½ †	-½	6.7	2.8	∞
347½	212	-do- Oseas	307	-1	4.2	1.7	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	277 †	+1	3.5	1.6	∞
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	112	+½	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	69½ †	...	0.6	1.1	∞
259	164	-do- Eurotst	242½	...	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	125	+1	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	328	...	...	0.8	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	184½	-1½	1.8	1.3	...
303	145	GT Japan	279	+2	...	0.6	...
200	65	Genl Cons Cap	195	+3	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	110 †	...	...	9.9	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	178	...	...	...	...
151	94	-do- Emg Mkts	106	+3	...	...	...
110	93	Govett High Inc	93	...	...	7.0	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	360	+1	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	293	-2	...	2.9	...
475	340	Greenfriar	469	...	...	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
103	94	Herald	101½	+½	...	...	...
158	124	Inv Cap	138	-1	...	4.6	...
119	77	Inv UK Smllr	108	...	2.8	3.1	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	213 †	...	...	3.0	...
272½	176	-do- O'seas	245 †	...	3.4	1.7	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	159 †	-1	3.5	2.8	∞
826	540	Law Debenture	721 †	-2½	19.2	3.3	∞
227	164	Majedie	213	...	...	2.9	...
324	221	Merchants	276	-1	11.0	5.0	∞
495	459	Mercury Euro Pv	464	...	...	...	...
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2675	-68½	...	...	...
595	385	Monks Inv Tst	530	+1	...	1.6	...
158	105	Morg Gren Inc	145	...	...	3.9	...
64	23	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
148	58	Murray Ent	130	...	...	1.9	...
1290	£117½	-do- Pf 1994	£120	...	...	...	...
58	39	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
68	39	Murray Euro	62 †	-½	0.2	0.6	∞
23½	4½	Do Wnt	20	...	...	...	...
393	282	Murray Income	359 †	+2	11.3	3.9	∞
395	265	-do- Intl	350 †	-2	11.6	4.1	∞
548	263	-do- Small	449	-2	...	1.2	...
103	82	-do- S/C Inc	84 †	...	...	15.8	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	144	+1	...	...	...
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3325 †	-75	...	4.0	...
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	154	...	...	...	...
363	230	-do- Vent	337	...	...	4.0	...
95	68	Nwthrog Inc	79 †	-½	6.7	10.7	...
404	249	O'seas Inv Tst	368	...	...	1.1	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	456 †	+1	1.2	0.3	∞
545	187	Do Warrants	359	+1	...	...	...
9400	7650	Personal Assets	9250	...	190	2.6	...
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	174	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	116 †	...	...	9.9	∞
465	330	Robeco	449	...	...	2.5	...
463	346	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
343	214	St Andrew Inv	340 †	...	7.8	2.9	∞
183	131	Scot American	163½ ‡	-½	...	3.5	...
371	136	Scott Asian	273	...	...	...	...
1090	225	do Warrants	773	-5	...	...	...
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	84½ †	+½	1.5	2.3	∞
262½	183	Scottish	228	...	...	2.7	...
264½	178	-do- Mrge	221½	...	4.0	2.3	...
137½	71	-do- Value	124½	+½	...	1.8	...
1795	1390	Second Allnce	1615 †	-4	...	3.1	...
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	94	...	3.2	4.3	...
179	109½	Selective Asset	174 †	...	...	1.0	...
51½	14	Sphere Inv	47½	-½	3.4	9.0	∞
205	112	TR Far East	156 †	...	...	4.0	...
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	149½	-½	...	4.0	...
249	110	TR Pacific	183 †	...	...	0.2	...
43½	17	TR Property	37½	-½	0.9	3.0	...
152	47	TR Tech Inv	146	-½	1.7	1.5	...
228	146	TR Stair Cos	206	-1	...	2.3	...
412	283	Temple Bar	357 †	-1	...	4.7	...
135	69	Thrmtn Asian 2	108	+1	0.5	0.6	∞
101	54	Throgmorton	82 †	...	...	3.5	...
553	343	Throg Dual Cp	488	...	...	...	...
269	178	USDC Invest	251 †	-1	...	2.2	...
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	115½	...	4.0	4.3	...
297½	181	Witan	228½	...	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	499	+14	...	2.1	17.1
64	26	Akd Leis	31	...	...	12.1	10.1
177	163	Alpha Airpts	173	+4	...	2.9	19.8
668	194	Anglia TV	651	...	...	1.8	30.2
131	63	Baldwin	96 †	+1	...	4.6	12.6
333	192	Barr & W 'A'	305	...	10.0	4.1	19.7
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
205	90	Border TV▲	153	...	3.6	2.9	12.6
16½	4	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	125	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6	...	...	...	...
292	44	Campari	51	-2	8.7	21.4	...
439	171	Capital Radio	399	-1	...	1.8	35.2
1047	520	Carlton Comm	909 †	+8	...	2.6	21.8
307	156	Castle Comm▲	287 †	-½	...	3.9	19.0
3130	1615	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
163	61	Chrysalis	161 †	...	3.2	2.5	...
374	235	Compass Gp	368	+8	...	2.2	20.5
330	175	Eurocamp	256 †	...	9.7	4.8	10.6
1180	268	Euro Disney	404½	+7	...	2.9	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	+½	...	...	...
43½	18	Ex-Lands	35½	...	...	1.2	...
419	245	Fairline Boats	354 †	...	...	3.7	33.3
378	232	First Leisure	313 ‡	+2	...	2.6	21.2
478	68	Flextech▲	368	+4	0.5	0.2	...
1033	298	GWR Gp▲	865 †	-8	...	1.3	31.3
303	149	Grampian	255	-1	6.5	3.2	17.7
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
161	19	HTV Group	134	...	1.0	0.9	∞
96	30	Hi-Tec Sports	90	-1	...	3.1	...
18½	5½	Kunick	14	+1	...	...	13.2
752	405	LWT Hldgs	717	+3	...	0.9	33.2
702	327	Man Utd	639	-30	...	3.8	25.8
51	7½	Northern	49	...	...	...	8.9
148	59	Owners Abrd	121 †	...	3.5	3.6	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	86	...	1.1	1.6	20.2
183	55	Prism Leisure▲	173	...	3.3	2.5	16.1
43	16	Quadrant Grp	38	...	...	...	...
234	132	Ramsdens (H)	223 †	...	...	2.5	32.1
628	274	Scott Radio▲	520	...	...	2.3	23.2
574	410	Scot TV	512	+1	10.3	2.5	25.2
40½	13½	SelecTV▲	30½	...	...	...	...
117	37	Southern Radio	97	+1	...	1.6	43.0
350	164	Stanley Leisure	329	-7	...	2.0	26.6
153	115	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2	+½	...	...	...
117	75	Tottenhm Hot	82	+1	...	3.0	31.4
182	44	Trans World▲	155 †	+5	1.3	1.0	96.5
760	224	Ulster TV	661	...	12.0	2.3	20.3
149	62	Vardon	146 †	...	1.1	1.0	∞
375	110	Yorkshire TV	317	+3	...	1.3	...
126	83	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	2940½	-131½	...	2.4	26.9
2156½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	2068½	-31½	...	4.5	10.7
6518½	1800	Ang Am Gold	5862½	-112½	...	3.8	26.3
36	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	34½	...	...	...	...
405	115	Ballyrchik	314	+9	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	120½	-8½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	30	...	...	29.4	5.3
896	233	Buffels	693½	-33	...	9.4	6.2
6	1	Butte	3½	...	...	...	...
930½	546	CRA	810½	-17½	...	2.6	25.9
55½	11	Cliff Res	49½	+1½	...	...	...
1750	762½	De Beers	1450	-68½	...	3.8	∞
165	57½	Deelkraal	117	+6½	...	1.7	8.5
96	7	Doornfontein	40	-3½	...	...	...
914	398	Driefontein	806	-62	...	4.1	13.3
788	120	Durban	651½	+25½	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	129	-13½	...	8.5	3.8
175	35	E Rand Prop	87½	...	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	401	-8	...	4.9	∞
1239	292	FS Cons	973	-62	...	6.6	12.5
80	8	FS Dev	37	...	...	...	...
1800	725	GFSA	1393½	-43½	...	2.9	23.4
152½	62½	Gencor	130½	-6½	...	5.1	14.5
80½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	68	-½	...	2.0	27.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15	...	...	...	...
202	49	Grootvlei	143½	...	...	6.9	9.1
416	78	Harmony	391	-3	...	...	...
430	87	Hartles	360½	-13½	...	7.8	9.0
21½	8½	Inoco▲	15	...	...	...	12.4
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	1009½	-6½	...	2.8	33.1
16½	6	Kenmare Res▲	14	...	...	...	...
1315½	331½	Kinross	1084½	...	...	5.7	12.1
913	319	Kloof	676½	-49½	...	3.6	8.0
137	35	Leslie	92½	...	...	12.3	4.9
359	13	Loraine	229½	-13½	...	...	...
1125	618½	Lydenburg	1100	...	...	1.9	...
159½	80	MIM	148½	-4½	...	1.5	64.6
1556	820	Minorco	1395 †	-98½	...	2.7	16.7
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	165	-4½	...	3.0	25.4
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2521½	-150	...	5.0	14.9
890	607	RTZ	850 †	-4	...	3.0	26.0
269½	106½	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.2	10.2
801½	130	Randfontein	710	-8	...	5.8	7.1
295	115	Renison	230	+2	...	2.0	23.8
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1212½	...	...	2.7	27.7
756	191	St Helena	651½	-24½	...	6.5	13.7
2887½	475	Southvaal	2186½	-50½	...	4.2	23.9
119	16	Stilfontein	95½	...	...	21.6	17.8
201	58	Unisel	129	...	...	3.4	12.3
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6440½	-381½	...	4.2	∞
813	154	Welkom	685½	-41½	...	5.1	14.7
640	26	Western Areas	581½	-27½	...	4.5	4.0
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2856½	-175	...	3.9	∞
398	176	Wstrn Mining	341	-6½	...	1.6	...
1225	321½	Winkels	793½	+15½	...	5.8	7.6
84	49	Zambia Copper	62	+5	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
273	233	Abbey Panels	273	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	149 †	...	5.5	4.6	∞
405	203	Bleachley Mtr	365	...	...	3.1	18.5
231	120	Bostrom	221	...	6.0	3.4	39.1
584	165	Br Aerospace	506 †	-1	...	2.1	44.5
58	19½	Burndene	54	+1	...	4.1	14.5
405	303	Caffyns	405	...	11.5	3.5	21.4
22	4½	Caverdale	18½	+½	0.1	1.0	∞
143	98	Central Mtr▲	111 †	...	...	4.5	27.4
43	18	Cook (DC)▲	35	...	0.9	3.2	19.9
348	156	Cowie (T)	301 †	-3	...	3.3	16.7
192½	81	Dag Motors	173 ‡	-6	...	4.6	∞
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	130 †	...	...	4.0	12.9
332	155	ERF	328	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	145	+1	...	3.2	20.4
552	208	Evans Halshaw	525 †	+½	13.0	3.1	∞
308	211	FR Group	279	...	...	3.2	13.0
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4025	-61½	...	...	...
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	3800	-49½	...	1.4	...
90	38	Gowrings	76	...	2.0	3.3	...
342½	82½	Henlys	312 ↓	-1	...	3.0	∞
1149½	769	Honda Motor	1108	+27½	...	0.8	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	41	...	...	...	...
116	66	Jessups	90	...	4.5	6.2	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	168 †	+1½	...	2.8	∞
573	281	Lex Service	507 †	+1½	...	3.1	∞
276	85	Lookers	246 †	-2	...	3.3	24.0
239	126	Lucas	194 †	+1	...	4.5	...
29½	21	Maliyn Grp	26	-½	...	...	...
310	224½	Pendragon	279 †	-½	7.2	3.2	∞
238	101½	Perry Gp	232	...	7.0	3.8	∞
218	108	Quicks Group	184 †	...	...	3.4	∞
194	96½	Rolls-Royce	181 †	-½	...	3.5	∞
249	164	T & N	229½	-2½	...	5.9	∞
300	163	Trinity Hldgs	276	-1	...	2.5	25.8
221	125	Vardy (Reg)	201 †	...	...	2.7	23.7
338	121	Westland	325	+7½	...	1.7	22.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	103	Adscene	305 †	...	5.7	2.3	31.2
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	348	+13	...	3.4	13.0
410	275	Bristol	410	...	...	3.7	37.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1496½	...	...	1.2	35.1
1484½	768½	Daily Mail 'A'	1259½	...	...	1.5	29.5
355	210	Dorling Kind	262	+1	...	1.6	23.6
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	5931½	-15½	...	3.1	∞
476	322	EMAP	419	+5	...	2.4	25.8
1685	873	Euromoney Pb	1625	...	...	2.9	28.6
284	154	Harrington K	164	...	4.9	3.8	∞
515	155½	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	28.3
408	334	Hodder H'line	408	...	5.1	1.6	34.7
180	99	Home Counts	148	-2	5.2	4.4	...
195	30	Intl Bus Comm	186	+1	...	...	26.9
15	6½	Intl Cm & Data▲	11½	...	...	...	...
510	240	Independent	500 †	+2	...	2.8	...
669	395	Johnston Press	665	...	6.5	1.2	28.8
381	243	Metal Bulletin	379 †	...	...	3.3	22.0
203	88	Mirror Gp.	175	+2	...	...	12.8
515	297	News Corp	440½	-9½	...	0.3	...
314	189	News Intl	270 †	+½	...	0.6	16.6
735	342	Pearson	666	+31	...	2.5	25.4
760	510	Portsmth Sund	754	-1	...	1.6	20.8
964	618	Reed Int	835	+4	18.7	2.0	∞
249	98	Southnews	247	...	2.3	1.2	45.7
200	90	Sterling Pub▲	193 †	...	...	2.0	23.5
610	328	Telegraph	601 †	+1½	...	2.7	19.6
885	715	Thomson Corp	875	-10	30.1	4.3	43.7
472	313	Trinity Intl	448 †	-½	9.7	2.7	∞
39	21	Unit Group▲	30	...	...	...	...
731	480½	Utd Nwspaprs	633 †	-1½	...	4.4	∞

OILS, GAS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	26½	-½	...	...	25.6
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	40	...	...	...	...
74½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	69½	-1½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	58	...	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	7	...	...	...	69.6
233	145	Br Borneo	219 †	-1½	7.1	4.1	∞
361½	276	British Gas	307	+3	...	6.1	...
406½	225	Br Petroleum	386 †	-7	...	2.9	30.6
3½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
875	675	Burmah Castl	817	...	...	3.9	19.1
68	32	Cairn Energy	63	...	...	...	9.0
375	223	Calor Gp	315	-2	...	4.8	17.2
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	36	...	...	...	...
44	20½	Copiex Res	30½	-½	...	...	...
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs▲	23½	...	...	...	25.4
521	397	Enterprise	407 †	-5½	...	4.9	21.3
88	26	Exp Co Louis	76	+4	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	26½	+½	...	5.1	∞
10½	4	Fortune	8½	...	...	...	...
68	45	Goal Pet	65 †	-½	1.4	2.7	12.4
48	18	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
181	104½	Hardy O & G	158	...	...	0.8	14.7
55	18½	Kelt Energy	50	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	123	-2	1.3	1.3	∞
103	55	-do- Units	55 †	-4½	9.4	21.5	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res▲	4	+½	...	...	...
64½	34	Monument	62	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.1	4.8	∞
50	27	Oil Search	38	-2	...	...	...
59½	11½	Petroz	31	+1	...	...	...
163	99	Pict Pet	157	-2	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25	...	...	...	9.2
168	50	Presidio	128	...	...	3.2	...
410	290	Ranger	405	+5	...	4.0	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6800	+21½	...	4.5	∞
4800	3603	Schlumberger	3815½	-15½	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	657 †	+1	...	4.6	∞
203	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
10	6	Vifers Grp	15½	-½	...	...	...
228½	135	Woodside	179½	-8	...	2.0	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	130	AG Holdings	180	...	...	4.0	15.6
444	249	API	394	...	...	2.6	24.9
302	144	Arjo Wiggins	295 †	+1½	...	2.8	∞
730	408	Abbott Mead	680	-8	10.5	2.0	∞
40	13	Aegis Gp	25	...	...	...	...
213	118	Aspen Comms▲	180	-5	4.9	3.5	∞
36	7	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
472	353	Bemrose	451	+1	11.7	3.3	∞
30½	7	Birkdale	10	...	...	...	...
184	118	Bunzl	167 †	+2½	4.1	3.1	∞
430	257	CIA Gp	380 †	+3½	5.1	1.6	∞
230	93	Capital Inds	154	...	...	...	...
93	44	City of Lon▲	80	...	...	8.0	14.8
439	169	Cropper (James)	430	-2	3.2	0.9	41.5
114	51	Delyn Group	111	...	1.6	1.9	14.9
137	94	Dolphin Pack	125	...	4.5	4.5	30.8
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	80 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elewick	13½	...	...	2.8	15.1
101	41	Fairway Group▲	100 †	...	...	4.2	20.4
430	271	Ferguson Intl	415	...	...	3.8	18.8
145	92	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.8	∞
227	74	Filofax▲	212 †	-1	...	0.9	27.4
30	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	145	-2	5.2	4.5	16.4
295	172	Gold Greenlees	172 †	-4	8.4	6.1	15.5
41	17	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
88	15	Hunterprint	22	...	...	...	...
185	130	Intereurope	130 †	...	...	7.5	11.7
290	191	Jarvis Porter	285	...	...	3.1	26.4
33½	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
38½	36	MMI	32½	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	408 †	-1	13.2	4.0	∞
146	48	NMC Group	121	...	2.7	2.8	18.7
300	66	Osborne & Little	293	...	...	2.2	32.2
60	6½	Ospray Comms	44	...	...	0.2	...
648	455	Portals	648	+10	...	3.1	18.4
3½	0½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
339	199	Quarto	317	...	...	2.3	19.5
405	270	St Ives Gp	398	...	...	1.8	25.6
186	133	Saatchi	140	+1	...	...	22.6
631½	292	Sappi	526½	-33	...	6.3	10.0
30½	8½	Serif	27½	...	...	...	...
60½	14	Shandwick	57½	+½	...	...	...
520	294	Smith David	489	-1	...	2.6	33.4
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	325	...	...	1.6	7.8
119	45	Sonic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.9
254	183	Stat-Plus	343	...	8.8	4.6	∞
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	31½	+½	0.4	1.8	∞
151	38	VTR▲	136	...	...	3.4	20.5
129	40	WPP	115	...	...	1.1	16.6
264	62	Wace	245	...	...	1.8	∞
300	203	Waddington (J)	252	...	...	4.0	19.9
511	270	Walmough	484 †	...	6.6	1.7	∞
7	3	Westport▲	3½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mck▲	30	-1	...	...	...
105	55	Wyndeham	102 †	...	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	20.2
48	35	Arcadian	43	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	7½	...	...	...	...
144	52	Asda	117	-2	...	2.3	12.3
191	88	Avonside	162	...	...	3.3	∞
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2493½	-31½	...	...	...
765	398	Bilton	650	-3	18.9	3.6	23.5
108	17	Bourne End	104	-2	...	1.2	∞
276	150	Bradford	219	-1	5.9	3.4	22.2
21	5	Bredero	19	...	...	...	...
474	166½	Br Land	409	-1	...	2.2	37.3
276	140½	Brixton	213	-1	...	4.9	16.9
118	39½	Burford	98 ↓	-1	...	1.8	31.6
207½	94½	Cap & Regnl▲	186 †	-1	...	1.0	∞
315	120	Cardiff Prop	300	...	...	1.0	67.1
185	160	Chesfield	160	...	...	1.9	...
678	198	Chesterfield	630	...	11.5	2.3	48.1
84	12	City Site Ests	73	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	26	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
56	29½	Conrad Ritbt GS	40 †	...	...	...	...
1755	818	Daejan	1620	...	...	2.1	20.0
65	5	Dares Estates	16	...	...	...	...
156	53	Debenhm Twsn	134	...	...	3.1	25.4
17	4	De Morgan	15	...	...	...	...
189	76	Dencora	177	-1	3.0	2.1	...
723	263	Derwent Hldgs	633	...	9.1	1.8	∞
45	10	Development Sec	36½	+½	...	...	...
65	24	Dwyer	56	...	...	...	...
460	170	Estates Agency	460	...	...	2.1	54.7
47	7½	Estates Gen	37	+1½	...	...	...
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	109	-1	...	2.7	19.3
37	11	Five Oaks	32	...	...	...	...
78	30	Fletcher King	76	...	1.0	1.6	50.4
536	276½	Frogmore	460	-2	...	4.5	22.0
325	97	Grainger	290	-4	...	2.1	51.8
360	116½	Gr Portland	216	...	...	4.6	20.7
23½	3½	Greycoat	17	...	...	...	...
269	101	HK Land	186	+7½	...	4.7	∞
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	66	...	0.7	1.4	∞
435	233	Hammerson	362	-2	10.0	3.5	36.6
378	127	Helical Bar	341	-2	...	1.8	12.2
40½	19	Hemingway	34½	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	65	...	3.7	7.2	16.3
315	133	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
802	438	Land Sec	665	-7	23.1	4.5	19.2
122	73	Lon-Merch Sec	101	-1	4.0	5.0	15.7
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
585	315½	MEPC	473	+3	...	5.3	27.2
17½	5	McInerney A	11½	...	...	...	...
190	90	McKay Secs	170 †	...	3.5	2.6	23.3
39	35	Markheath	38½	+½	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	78	...	...	...	...
55	29	Moorfield Est	43	...	...	...	...
1425	775	Mountview	1275 †	+9½	22.0	2.2	13.3
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	168	...	...	4.7	23.9
70	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	88	PSIT	159 †	-1	4.3	3.4	31.5
399	138	Peel	332 †	-2	4.3	1.6	...
16	4½	Power Corp	7½	...	...	...	...
50	22	Property Trust	36	...	...	...	10.3
63	33	Regian	45	...	...	...	...
40	11	Regalien	34½	+½	...	...	...
175	110	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	1.5	1.1	21.2
64	16	St Modwen Prp	49½	-½	...	2.5	20.7
78	39	Savills Grdn (I)	65 †	-1	...	5.2	32.4
100	39	Savills	90	...	...	2.4	35.6
112	30	Scot Met	88	-1	...	2.3	...
135	30	Shaftesbury	123½	-2½	...	...	...
17½	5	Shield	16½	...	...	...	8.6
280	139½	Slough Estates	252	-2	8.1	4.1	∞
103	56	Southend Prop	75	-3	...	4.0	...
50	16	Stanhope Prps▲	39	...	...	...	...
244	124	Tops Ests	233	...	2.1	1.1	...
163	79	Town Centre	146	...	...	3.0	25.9
107	43	Trafford Park	101 †	+1	...	3.6	23.3
58	17	UK Land	37	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	180	Warner	249 †	...	...	5.5	22.1
249	168	Warnford	248 ↓	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
8	2	Watergate	2½	...	...	...	...
104	34	Wates	80	-2	...	...	...
105	40	Wood John D▲	95	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	11	Automagica	30	...	...	...	...
231	84	Headlam	229	-1	...	1.8	∞
500	285	Lambert	345	-5	13.7	5.1	∞
100	44	Pittards	63	...	1.5	3.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	24	...	1.0	5.4	∞
250	89	Stylo	236	...	...	1.6	...
67	53	UK Safety	61 †	-½	2.6	5.3	∞

TEXTILES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	408	Allied Text	554 ↓	...	...	2.9	19.2
71	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	...	7.3	13.1
47	21	Bolton Gp	40	...	...	...	...
226	141	Br Mohair	204	...	8.5	5.4	∞
68	15	Charnwell▲	53	...	...	...	...
385	298	Claremont Gs	380	...	7.1	2.7	∞
601	449	Courtauld Text	534 †	-4½	14.2	3.3	∞
53½	13	Cupid▲	13	...	...	...	...
248½	124	Dawson	156	...	...	6.1	11.9
47	22	Drummond	32	-1	...	...	...
89	65	Fange▲	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
168	82	Gaskell	165	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	225	...	...	2.3	15.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	60	...	...	0.4	...
485	249	Lamont	425	-8	12.0	3.5	28.1
343½	235½	Leeds	327	-1	...	2.2	17.2
122	73	Lyles (S)	85	...	...	4.9	...
215	89	Magellan	180	...	1.4	1.0	...
266	77½	Parkland	228	-2	...	0.9	...
112	82	Readicut	106½	-½	...	4.0	20.1
70	35	SEET	58	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	125 †	+½	...	5.4	8.6
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	35	-2	...	5.4	32.5
330	250	Tomkinsons	316	-3	...	4.5	26.8
59	30½	West Trust	42 †	...	...	8.0	...
280	126	Yorklyde	257	...	...	2.6	16.8

TOBACCOS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	452	-1	...	5.7	13.1
495	315½	Rothmans	400	+2	...	3.9	12.8

TRANSPORT

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	349	Assoc Br Ports	568 †	...	...	2.0	∞
1083	707	BAA	1007	+9	...	2.0	25.0
128	106	Badgerline	114	...	...	4.5	...
496½	249	Br Airways	419	+1½	...	3.2	17.6
113	56	Clarkson (H)	96	...	1.7	2.3	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	533	+10	...	...	...
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	1.1	14.8
310	147	IoM Steam	310	...	...	3.6	∞
55	24	Jacobs (J)	53	-1	3.3	8.0	∞
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	-1	...	1.3	18.7
534	264	Mersey Docks	447 †	+3	9.0	2.5	∞
282	181	Natl Express	270	...	...	3.5	∞
291	218	NFC	341 †	+7	...	3.7	36.8
349	244	Ocean Group	281	-8	...	6.4	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	82	-1	4.0	6.1	14.9
728	504	P & O Dfd	704 †	+1½	...	5.4	∞
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	159	...	...	4.3	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	661	-1	...	4.3	20.9
241	117	Seacon▲	225 †	...	...	3.2	20.4
206	112	Stagecoach	178	+2	...	2.7	21.7
121	31½	TNT	95½	-4	...	...	...
915	624	Tibbett & Brttn	825	-3	12.6	1.9	31.6
382	37	Tiphook	46	-3	...	...	...
327	227	TDG	267 †	+1	...	4.4	17.9
132	98	Ugland	121	-1½	...	...	...

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	485	Anglian Water	512 †	+14	...	5.3	8.1
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	359	-1	...	3.7	13.3
761	547	Northumbrian	651 †	-15	...	4.4	7.8
611	431½	North West	545 †	+15	...	5.0	9.0
645	439	Severn Trent	574 †	+11½	...	4.7	8.4
685	454	Sthn Water	582 †	+14	...	4.7	8.5
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1555	...	48.5	3.9	11.1
675	465	South West	561 †	+5	...	5.4	9.1
611	454	Thames Water	523	+10	...	5.1	9.1
744	506	Welsh Water	648 †	+11	...	4.7	6.5
759½	536	Wessex Water	673 †	+8	...	4.1	10.7
630	473½	Yorkshire W	521 †	+7	...	5.2	8.7

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
107	100	Exch 13½% 1994	100		13.41	5.26
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	...	9.90	5.12
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	103	...	12.13	5.00
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	102		8.70	5.15
111	105	Treas 12% 1995	105	...	11.38	5.29
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	...	3.07	5.09
109	105	Exch 10¼% 1995	105		9.69	5.61
116½	110	Treas 12¾% 1995	110		11.52	5.81
120½	113½	Treas 14% 1996	113½		12.32	6.01
125	117	Treas 15¼% 1996	117 †		12.97	6.20
120	113	Exch 13¼% 1996	113		11.65	6.27
112½	108	Conv 10% 1996	108	...	9.25	6.61
122	115½	Treas 13¼% 1997	117½	...	11.25	6.75
114	109	Exch 10½% 1997	109½	+	9.59	6.85
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	105½	+	8.29	6.92
132	124	Exch 15% 1997	124½ †	...	12.04	7.12
114	108	Exch 9¾% 1998	108		8.99	7.17
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	100 †		7.22	7.11
102½	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100 †	...	6.72	6.37
131½	122	Treas 14% 1998-01	123½		11.37	7.41
140	130½	Treas 15½% 1998	131½ †		11.82	7.26
126	117	Exch 12% 1998	117		10.22	7.49
116½	108	Treas 9½% 1999	108		8.75	7.34

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	94	Treas 6% 1999	94 †		6.32	7.14
128½	118	Exch 12¼% 1999	119		10.28	7.55
121¼	113	Treas 10½% 1999	113		9.29	7.43
121¼	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	112		9.11	7.50
116½	106	Conv 9% 2000	107		8.41	7.49
136	125½	Treas 13% 2000	125½		10.33	7.73
100	96	Treas 7% 2001	96	+	7.24	7.57
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	111½		8.95	7.76
123	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.74	7.84
117	97	Treas 8% 2003	101	+	7.88	7.95
127	109½	Treas 10% 2003	113½	+	8.78	7.87
125	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	118	+	9.66	7.93
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	...	4.66	6.92
105	92	Treas 6¾% 2004	93	+	7.26	7.70
125	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	111 †		8.54	7.90
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	111½ †	+	8.51	7.89
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	128	...	9.72	8.15
111½	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	100½ †	+	7.95	7.95
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	99		7.82	7.84
136½	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	122	+	9.60	8.14
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.10	7.87
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	135	...	9.94	8.16
124	101½	Treas 9% 2008	109 †	+	8.21	7.87

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	101½	+1½	7.87	7.86
126	100½	Conv 9% 2011	110	+	8.15	7.87
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	110	+	8.12	7.87
94	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79½	+	6.94	7.64
114½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99½	+	7.78	7.82
117½	93	Treas 8% 2013	101½	+	7.89	7.88
159½	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	138	+	8.66	8.05
128½	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	109½	+	8.00	7.86

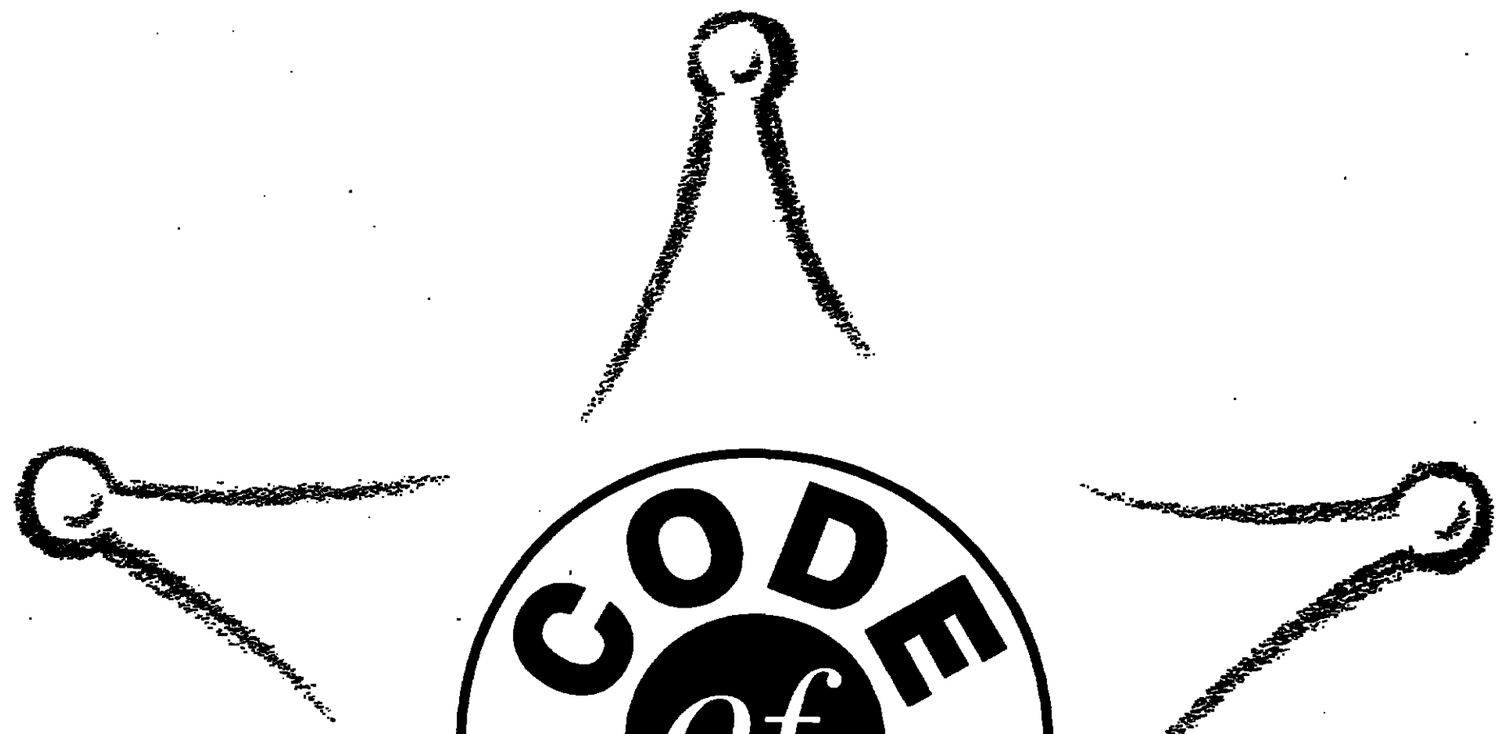
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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38½	War Ln 3½%	44	+	7.83	...
37½	27	Treas 2½%	30 †	+1	8.12	...

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1993/94 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	137½	...	...	...
204½	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	198		1.97	3.05
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 †	+	2.30	3.03
176½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168½	+	2.76	3.16
173½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	+	2.94	3.27
118½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	111½ †	+	2.90	3.30
184	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	+	3.05	3.29
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	156	+	3.22	3.43
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	162	+	3.25	3.45
146½	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	133		3.30	3.48
157½	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	142	+	3.34	3.51
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137½ †	+	3.38	3.53
129½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115	+	3.37	3.50
128	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	+	3.40	3.53

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Grofund Equity	237.60	251.40	+ 1.30	1.82
Grofund Euro	200.10	210.60	+ 0.30	0.01
Grofund Exp Bal	115.40	119.60	- 2.30	1.41
Grofund Gilt	70.19	73.54	+ 0.39	4.47
Grofund Japan	187.80	197.70	+ 1.30	...

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General Acc	323.10	336.50†	+ 7.40	2.34
General Inc	467.30	497.20†	+ 6.50	2.34
UK Growth Acc	353.80	376.40	+ 5.30	2.53
UK Growth Inc	267.70	283.60	+ 3.70	2.53
Higher Inc Acc	655.10	697.00	+11.80	3.48
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Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	183.90	194.20†	+ 1.30	5.99
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	91.86	97.01†	+ 0.65	5.99
Nth America	299.40	276.00	...	...
Far East	355.90	375.30	- 0.60	...
Europe	271.40	288.80†	+ 2.40	0.39
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Brit Fndmtls Acc	99.17	105.50†	+ 1.30	4.43
Brit Fndmtls Inc	74.35	79.10†	+ 0.96	4.43
Global Opps	85.79	91.27	+ 0.06	...
Balanced Acc	53.41	56.82†	+ 0.63	2.49
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Worldwide Bond	272.10	288.50†	...	3.64
Capital Growth				
American Growth	301.20	322.10	- 3.20	.36
Asian Pacific	326.70	349.40	- 3.00	...
Assets & Earnings	268.60	285.70	+ 0.50	1.89
Comdty & Energy	139.30	157.50†	- 2.60	...
1992 Enterprise	92.97	99.33	- 0.11	1.70
Euro Capital Inc	131.10	140.20	- 0.10	97
General	290.30	310.40†	- 2.30	2.22
Japan	133.00	142.20	+ 0.50	...
Mastertrust	144.00	154.00	- 0.10	.97
UK Growth Dist	135.20	144.60	- 1.20	1.71
US Emerging Cos	144.30	154.30	- 1.10	...
Income & Growth	391.10	416.70	+ 1.70	3.15
Ethical	73.89	78.61	+ 0.07	2.16
International	117.00	124.50	- 0.10	.26
Dividend & Growth	81.80	87.10	+ 0.25	4.27
Global Growth & Sec	64.94	69.16	- 0.11	2.13

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Cash	50.14	50.14†	+ 0.02	4.49
European	108.00	114.50†	- 0.20	...
European Income	101.00	107.20†	+ 0.30	1.39
Exempt	£10.48	£11.05	- 0.50	3.43
Extra Income	53.27	56.19†	+ 0.01	6.98
Far East Emrg Ecn	108.20	116.80	- 0.20	0.54
Fixed Interest	25.18	26.88†	- 0.11	6.85
Fund Inv Tst	182.80	195.20	- 0.20	0.86
Japan	202.60	215.70	- 0.40	...
Latin American	75.20	80.02	+ 2.12	0.00
Pacific	70.87	75.89	+ 0.19	0.35
Property Share	72.20	77.07	- 0.20	1.69
UK Emerging Cos	68.95	73.61	+ 0.40	1.68
UK Growth	44.88	48.36	+ 0.30	1.68
World Growth	75.24	80.31	+ 0.36	0.67
Ethical	64.85	69.22	+ 0.30	2.53
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UK Equity Growth	95.45	93.03	+ 0.64	2.15
European	70.74	72.58	+ 0.74	0.84
Nth American	68.14	72.49	- 0.46	0.97
Far Eastern	73.95	78.67	- 0.29	0.41
Money	66.60	66.60	+ 0.01	3.93
Fixed Interest	71.38	75.38	- 0.38	6.71
Index Linked Gilt	65.49	69.67	+ 0.27	1.15

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British Growth	69.71	74.15	+ 0.17	2.51
British Income	73.87	83.90	+ 0.48	3.48
Select Portfolio	88.32	93.96	- 0.41	...

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Growth & Income	237.30	253.60†	- 2.50	2.98
Capital	428.80	458.30	- 1.90	1.53
Balanced	700.90	749.20	+ 2.10	2.42
Accumulator	£12.39	£13.24	+ 5.00	2.79
Income Trusts				
American Income	48.72	52.08	- 0.13	3.28
High Income	415.10	443.70†	+ 1.30	3.40
Equity Income	235.70	251.90†	+ 0.60	3.47
High Yield	257.70	275.40	+ 0.40	3.41
Govt Securities	33.92	35.79	+ 0.09	5.11
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	137.40	146.80†	- 1.70	0.20
European Growth	34.68	36.91	+ 0.24	0.43
International	165.70	176.80	+ 0.80	0.22
Japan	220.70	246.10†	+ 0.10	...
Pacific	418.90	447.80	- 1.50	0.17
Spcs of America	428.00	455.40†	- 0.20	0.52
Wwide Asset Val	49.21	52.56	+ 0.18	0.03
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Values	628.80	666.10	+ 2.10	2.21
Conv & Gilt	48.00	51.31	+ 0.13	3.94
Smaller Cos	179.90	192.30†	+ 0.80	1.04
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Oseas Earnings	362.30	387.20†	+ 1.60	1.81
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Conv & Gen	64.86	69.22†	- 0.31	5.02
Emerging	140.90	479.80	- 1.30	0.22
Europe	236.70	251.60	+ 1.70	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	105.70	112.10	- 0.30	0.85
Income Growth	357.00	381.00†	+ 1.40	3.99
Japan	343.40	365.40	- 1.10	...
Pacific	106.60	113.40	- 0.30	0.71
UK Smlr Cos	52.27	55.61	...	0.78
Japan Fd	801.00	824.30	+ 1.00	...
Mngd Fd	175.20	186.40	+ 2.00	2.69

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Oseas	288.60	303.80	...	1.21
Capital Gwth	117.50	123.70	...	0.15
Wwide Opps	185.50	195.30	...	0.46

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Balanced Trusts

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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European Bd Inc	94.81	98.16	+ 0.29	5.93
Exempt	75.97	81.04	+ 0.09	3.93
Financial	73.71	78.84	+ 0.86	2.31
S&U 50	468.20	500.70†	- 2.20	2.08
General	273.70	289.50†	+ 1.90	2.41
Property	248.70	266.00	...	5.43
Trustee	186.80	199.80	+ 0.40	1.99
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	94.98	99.99†	+ 0.81	4.38
Extra Income	119.80	127.90	+ 0.60	4.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.17	60.12†	+ 0.48	8.10
Income	540.40	578.00	+ 2.60	3.77
Income Builder	68.14	69.30†	+ 0.32	4.45
Intl Income	67.54	71.96	+ 0.17	2.93
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	114.80	122.50†	+ 1.00	2.40
Leisure	125.10	130.60	+ 1.00	0.79
Recovery	427.00	456.90	+ 1.90	2.30
Smlr Cos Inc	44.09	47.26	- 0.32	1.72
Special Sits	253.50	303.30	+ 1.30	1.46
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	136.10	144.40	- 0.80	0.13
Asst Acc	262.00	278.70	- 3.40	1.38
Asst Inc	164.00	174.40	- 2.10	1.38
Euro Gwth Inc	146.40	155.00	...	0.31
Japan & Gen Inc	194.00	206.40†	+ 1.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	86.74	91.89	+ 0.81	...
Utds Tech Inc	78.54	83.47	- 0.20	0.33
Worldwide	177.70	188.60	- 0.50	0.25

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	101.10	107.00	- 0.50	...
Asset Value	118.30	147.90	- 0.80	...
Cash Trust	50.74	50.74	+ 0.01	4.70
Convertibles	61.40	65.66†	+ 0.06	5.60
Eastern	268.00	286.30	- 3.00	1.00
Equity Income	90.75	96.54	- 1.05	4.80
European Growth	294.30	313.00	+ 2.60	1.00
Europe	217.30	232.50	+ 1.10	1.00
German Growth	70.60	75.19	+ 0.37	0.70
Global Bond	66.40	70.08	- 0.04	5.30
Global Growth	129.20	137.80	+ 0.10	...
Japan Growth	222.60	236.90	+ 0.40	...
Japan Smaller	100.30	203.60	+ 0.60	...
Korea Trust	74.85	83.26	+ 0.85	...
Portfolio	134.50	143.70†	+ 0.90	5.10
UK Growth	92.66	98.57	+ 0.33	2.60
Uk Smaller Cos	96.68	103.40	- 0.20	1.80
Select Managers	79.29	80.66	+ 0.18	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	81.04	86.21	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	55.44	58.98†	...	...

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	181.70	194.30	- 0.40	0.63
Dividend	80.69	86.30	+ 0.49	3.83
Int Gth & Inc	219.00	235.10	+ 1.30	2.26
UK & Gen	44.97	48.10†	+ 0.39	0.93
Fund of Funds	66.71	71.35†	- 0.51	...

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 0626

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	108.11	114.40	+ 1.12	1.27
Smaller Cos	105.25	111.38	- 0.20	0.97
Higher Yield	45.06	47.68	+ 0.33	5.42
American Gth Inc	78.57	83.14†	- 0.32	...
European Growth	135.78	143.68†	+ 0.14	...
Global Bond Inc	29.11	30.80	- 0.08	5.90
Mngd Portfolio	44.17	46.73†	+ 0.01	0.94
Int Spec Opps	124.25	131.48	- 0.58	...
Pacific Gwth	130.16	137.74	- 0.32	...
Formerly LAS				
European	92.73	93.15	- 5.39	0.42
Extra Income	25.40	26.88	- 0.08	3.20
Far East	31.56	33.40	+ 0.02	0.26
Income & Gwth	72.50	82.01	+ 0.06	3.68
Intl Growth	59.06	62.50†	- 0.19	0.25
Japan	67.39	71.34	+ 0.09	...
Maximum Dist	98.60	100.60	- 0.30	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	43.02	45.52	- 0.38	0.10
UK Equity	92.39	97.77	+ 0.42	2.18

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Envirotst	154.20	164.10	- 0.10	1.44
UK Growth	164.50	175.50†	+ 1.20	1.94
UK Indexcse	136.10	144.80	+ 0.40	4.01

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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07077 651 122

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	183.20	196.20	- 3.30	1.84
-do- Income Dist	110.80	117.40	+ 1.00	4.55
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.98	43.44†	+ 0.46	6.20

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	149.30	158.90	- 0.40	...
European Inc	79.22	84.11	+ 0.37	0.35
Smaller Cos (4-1)	83.43	88.76†	- 0.19	1.17
Growth	428.50	458.00†	+ 3.00	2.01
Income & Growth	410.50	436.80†	+ 3.70	3.54
Japan & Gen	77.35	82.30†	+ 0.31	...
Master Portfolio	£108.3	£110.8	+35.00	1.35
Special Sits	98.60	104.90	+ 0.60	1.95
High Yield	£13.34	£13.76	+17.00	4.02

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 562

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	37.52	39.91	- 0.29	0.22
Cash Income	50.68	50.68	+ 0.02	5.09
European Gwth	39.65	42.27	+ 0.33	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	27.88	29.81†	- 0.56	4.15
Intrnl Gwth	31.49	33.67	+ 0.09	0.54
Japan Gwth	28.64	30.63	+ 0.13	...
Managed Tst Inc	48.93	52.35	+ 0.13	1.53
Oriental Opps Inc	137.10	146.60	- 1.40	...
Property Shares	44.72	47.85	- 0.24	0.57
Smaller Cos	31.98	34.20	- 0.09	1.55
UK Growth Tst	25.85	27.64	+ 0.30	2.17

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
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071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	80.90	86.41	...	2.18
American Portfolio	89.84	95.79	...	1.01
European Portfolio	94.49	100.81	...	0.93
Japanese Portfolio	73.04	77.66	+ 0.62	...
Pacific Portfolio	136.09	146.34	- 1.35	0.78
UK Inc & Growth	73.88	79.14	...	3.66
Utility & Bond	54.13	54.81	...	6.31

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	144.11	155.97	...	...
UK Growth	110.48	119.39	...	...
UK Income	116.38	126.15	...	3.72

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071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Ind	86.08	90.91	...	1.84
Bank Bio-Tech	37.65	40.05	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	163.12	171.71	...	1.23
City Fin Assets	74.96	78.91	...	1.60
City Fin America	84.49	90.09	...	...
City Fin Eur	77.46	81.54	...	0.48
City Fin Japan	174.76	185.84	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	283.36	294.85	...	2.22
Friars Hse Inc	207.08	224.06	...	4.77
Buckley Wrld Gwth	136.97	145.71†	...	0.69
Fairmont Cap Gth	144.79	152.41	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	117.54	123.73	...	1.60
Fairmount Intl	160.57	169.02	...	...
City Fin Pfdo Inc	58.38	62.11	...	2.67

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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Emerging Markets 54.61 57.95 - 0.14 ...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	59.88	64.04	- 0.44	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.80	40.64	- 0.09	0.16
Dragon Growth	67.39	72.07	- 0.70	0.53
Equity High Inc	92.93	98.22†	- 1.00	3.56
European Gwth	50.07	53.27	+ 0.56	0.76
Evergreen	31.52	33.71	+ 0.07	...
General Equity	84.17	89.31	+ 0.88	2.20
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.44	26.74	+ 0.31	7.85
Japan Growth	33.04	37.95	- 0.23	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.69	53.93	+ 0.34	2.17
Ped Sm Cos Inc	33.21	35.33	- 0.03	0.61
Retirement Inc	26.16	28.13	+ 0.36	5.22
Special Sits	38.69	41.38	+ 0.18	1.80
UK & Overseas	48.46	51.55	+ 0.28	1.20

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Charlton's Maidstone, Kent ME14 5YY
0634 898 008

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	63.23	67.63†	...	2.40
Income	58.66	61.20†	...	4.04

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9855
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	166.93	177.59	+ 2.00	4.98
Fixed & Convertible	43.33	46.10	- 0.54	5.54
Monthly Inc Plus	51.67	54.97	- 0.22	8.15
Preference Share	49.94	53.13	0.05	6.96
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	134.01	142.56	+ 1.15	6.68
Managed Fund	68.42	72.79	+ 0.58	2.77
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	43.23	45.99	- 0.05	1.84
UK & General	77.23	82.16	+ 0.92	2.64
UK Growth	134.97	143.59	+ 1.58	1.62
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	183.60	205.96	+ 2.00	...
Far Eastern Gth	131.99	140.41	+ 0.03	0.30
Global Bond	84.13	89.43	- 0.05	5.94
Japan Growth	137.35	159.73	+ 2.06	...
North Amer Gwth	162.53	172.90	+ 1.72	...
Oriental Growth	75.36	80.17	+ 0.09	...
Worldwide Growth	66.52	70.77	+ 0.34	0.34
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.15	93.15	+ 0.02	4.52
Homemaker Fund	76.30	81.17†	- 0.52	1.86
Quilter Fund	132.37	140.82†	+ 1.73	2.43

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0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	58.09	61.79	+ 0.59	2.70
High Income	34.09	36.26	+ 0.33	4.60
Japan	37.59	40.41	+ 0.10	...
Smaller Cos Inc	32.72	34.80	+ 0.25	2.20
Smaller Cos	34.05	36.22	- 0.04	2.20
North American	32.72	34.80	- 0.17	0.30
European	37.51	39.90	+ 0.23	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	31.44	33.73†	...	3.20

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	146.30	155.70	- 0.10	1.63
Income	74.34	79.09	- 0.79	1.26
European	61.58	65.52	+ 0.45	0.69
Recovery	134.50	148.50†	+ 1.50	1.28

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
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Equity Dist 837.40 851.50 ... 3.63

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	71.69	76.27†	+ 0.17	1.34
Income	239.00	254.30	+ 3.30	4.42
Smaller Cos	152.90	162.60	+ 0.30	3.56
Inv Portfolio	77.06	81.98†	+ 0.50	1.46
High Income Port	67.68	72.00	+ 0.93	4.70

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	£15.53	£15.85	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£12.09	£13.35	...	...
UK Small Cos	£18.59	£19.38	...	...
US Small Cos	£17.13	£17.99	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
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071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	196.00	206.30	..	2.64

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	263.50	278.60	+ 2.50	1.06
New Asia	207.00	225.20	- 1.40	0.35
Japan Growth	133.20	141.60	...	...
Jpp Smlr Co	552.60	589.30	...	...
Nth Amer	252.30	267.40	- 3.20	0.91
Third Asia Pac Mt	117.00	124.30	- 1.00	0.50
UK Inc & Grth	218.80	233.50	+ 2.50	3.47

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	140.20	149.10	+ 0.60	1.80
UK High Inc Inc	155.20	165.10	+ 0.80	4.83
UK Fxd & F I Inc	59.05	62.81	- 0.40	5.01
Envrnmntl Opps	82.74	88.02	- 0.14	1.40

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	123.90	131.60	...	0.15
Convertibles	33.62	35.10†	+ 0.05	6.57
Equity Income	131.20	139.40	+ 1.60	3.59
EuroFund	45.67	48.51	+ 0.42	0.85
Financial	49.15	52.22	+ 0.14	1.53
Growth & Inc	233.20	247.80†	+ 2.60	3.03
High Dist	164.60	174.80	+ 1.20	4.37
International	389.30	413.80	+ 3.00	0.24
Int Cap Inc	96.82	103.40	+ 1.00	2.51
Latin American	48.08	51.08	- 0.84	0.24
Pacific	80.87	85.92	- 0.12	...
Preference Share	24.58	26.12†	+ 0.15	5.93
Tokyo	241.80	256.80	- 2.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	230.20	254.70	- 0.60	0.92

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	223.60	238.70	...	...

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	204.80	217.90	...	0.26

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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	80.12	84.34	+ 0.94	1.68
Far Eastern	300.63	322.77	- 0.22	1.43
High Income	135.40	142.53	+ 0.26	4.24
Intl Growth	121.77	128.18†	+ 0.43	1.19
North American	119.46	125.73	- 0.62	0.89
Pelican	117.38	123.56	+ 0.30	2.65
Smaller Cos	76.14	80.15	+ 0.05	1.86
Special Sit	92.32	97.18	+ 0.13	2.29
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.35	199.32	+ 0.18	1.75

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	219.27	228.41	...	1.56
Smaller Cos Acc	379.61	395.43	...	1.56
Recovery	57.37	59.76	...	1.91

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
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0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	109.60	116.60	- 0.08	4.92
Capital Growth	81.30	86.58	- 0.64	...
Fd of Inv Trsts	45.23	48.25	+ 0.08	0.23
High Income	48.20	51.42	+ 0.08	8.62
Warrant	61.04	66.35†	- 0.39	...
Zero Preference	36.64	38.88	- 0.11	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
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Family Income Tst	49.79	52.98	+ 0.36	5.96
Family Trust	93.79	99.77	...	1.03
United Charities	259.40	275.90	...	3.02

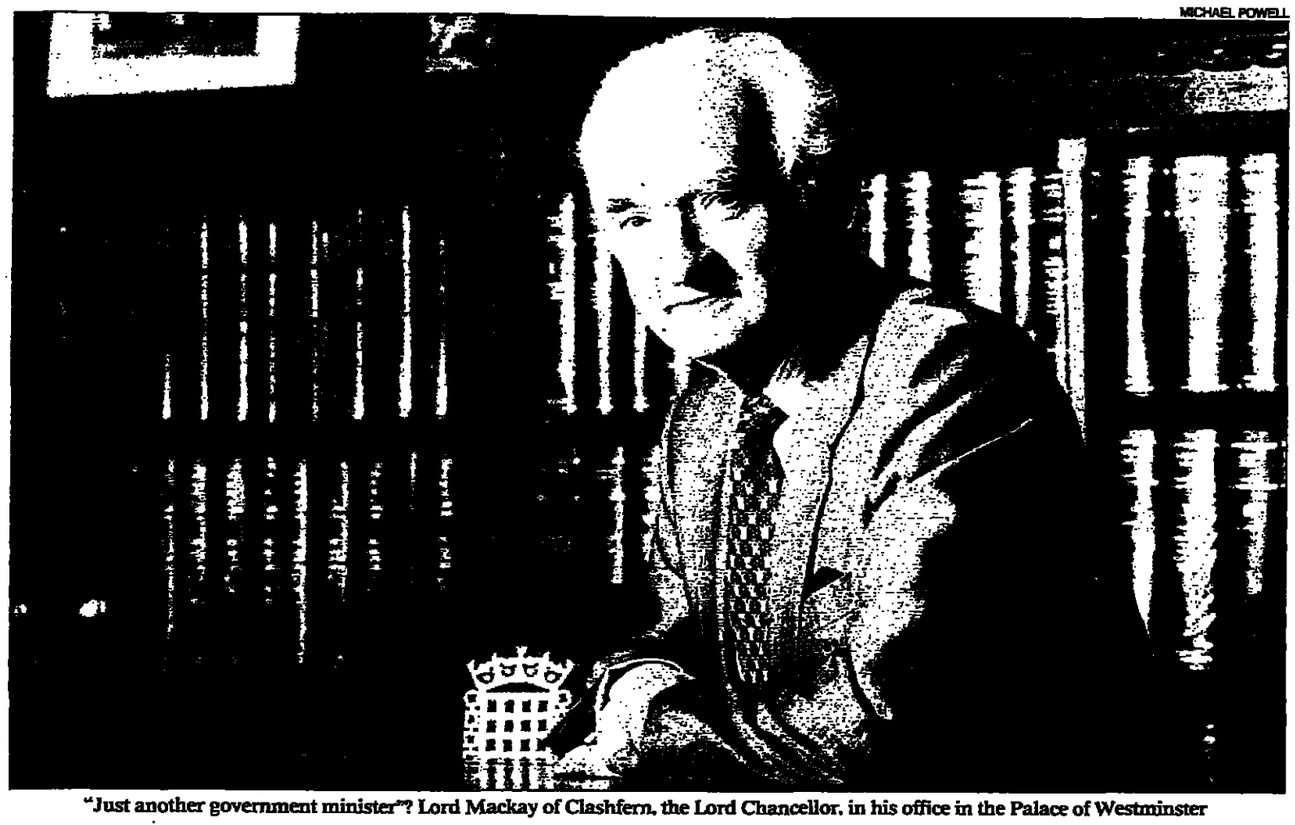
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	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.50
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.30	25.70	+ 0.01	3.17
-do- Europe	24.11	25.40	+ 0.04	4.76
-do- America	23.04	24.39	- 0.02	0.29
-do- Asc Japan	26.89	28.54	- 0.07	0.47
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.93	29.27†	- 0.33	7.56
Intl Bond

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Frances Gibb hears the Lord Chancellor answering his critics


MICHAEL POWELL

"Just another government minister"? Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, in his office in the Palace of Westminster

Lord Mackay replies

For a man universally liked on a personal level, Lord Mackay of Clashfern has created quite a few enemies since he became Lord Chancellor seven years ago. Even those not counting themselves enemies regularly fire off broadsides.

Two weeks ago, Rodger Pannone, the president of the 70,000-member Law Society, delivered his strongest attack to date. The profession, he said, had lost confidence in Lord Mackay's stewardship of the legal aid scheme. Mr Pannone said: "He is now seen by many in our profession not as a distinguished, reforming Lord Chancellor but as just another government minister who has managed to cripple a once-proud public service."

Last week, Lord Mackay was utterly unrepentant in the face of what he sees as lawyers' special pleading. Lawyers talk about access to justice, he says, when they mean access to legal services — "which is not the same thing. We have tremendous access to legal services compared with most other countries — roughly half the population has access to legal services assisted by the State."

The profession's dismay has arisen first over legal aid pay rates, to be frozen for a second year running. Pay has long been a dispute between the profession and the Lord Chancellor; lawyers took Lord Hailsham to court over it. But with Lord Mackay, anger has spilt beyond the trades-union pay issue to concern for the scheme itself and over the cuts in numbers who qualify.

Lord Mackay in turn is equally robust in arguing the case for the taxpayer, who has to foot the bill. Lawyers and the media have spoken of legal aid being "frozen" but it is, he says, the *rates* of pay that are being held at the same level. He points to the rise in lawyers' fee income from legal aid of almost 17 per cent in the past year, and in legal aid spending of more than 20 per cent in 1992-93, and adds that the legal aid bill now stands at £1,090 million and could reach £1,406 million in 1994-95. For good measure, he adds that lawyers' own legal fees for private work do not help towards widening access.

"The more modest the fees, the more people will be able to get the services," he explains. "I always listen with care when the Law Society is talking about access to justice at the same time as wishing to get higher fees."

Legal aid is not the only battleground. A champion of quicker and simpler and cheaper justice, Lord Mackay is turning his attention to the huge costs and delays in the civil court, where most people still cannot afford to litigate. Throughout civil justice, measures are being proposed that could dramatically reduce the role of lawyers: in divorce and in personal injuries work, where he wants a bigger role for mediation; or in informal arbitration, such as the small claims court.

The latest sacred cow up for slaughter is therefore the central role of lawyers in resolving disputes. Lord Mackay wants as many disputes as possible settled out of court — that is, without lawyers. On the divorce front, his proposals have provoked widespread criticism. There are fears that people who want legal aid will have first to go through mediation: a two-tier service depending on whether people can pay lawyers' fees.

Lord Mackay disagrees. His main aim, he says, is to provide the right service for their needs. Lawyers will still have a role. But he adds: "The Law Society appears to assume that, if all else fails, the great thing that's good for you is to get a lawyer at other people's expense. I don't think that's a self-evident proposition: at least, it is not to me."

The measures are the latest in Lord Mackay's iconoclastic career. He started by dismantling lawyers' restrictive practices, to fury and vitriol from some judges and the Bar, which even now simmers and erupts in some quarters.

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However, although the reforms have been watered down and are now subject to a complex but ineffective scrutiny process involving the senior judges, their impact is finally being felt. Solicitors have broken into the higher courts and the Bar is looking at direct access for the public and better complaints procedures. It is an area Lord Mackay singles out as one of achievement — what he calls "seeking to lead the legal system forward to meet fully the challenges of our time".

Others agree. John Hayes, the chief executive of the Law Society, believes that Lord Mackay will have a "significant place in history" and that "both because he is an outsider and for sheer brain" he has been able to do more than others might have. "The English system needed shaking up," Mr Hayes says. "Nobody else would have approached it with the same degree of determination. The way in which he has been treated by some senior judges is outrageous."

The fight has turned Lord Mackay into a much more political animal than when he came fresh from the Scottish judiciary. But he is now so much so, some say, that he can no longer represent the interests of the profession independently from his role as government minister. Critics see him as unwilling to stand up and fight for the administration of justice because of his strong views that the legal budget must take its share of public-spending constraints.

Mr Hayes says Lord Mackay has been right to question the rate of growth in legal aid. But he had been a little "crude" in the way he had sought to curb spending and "increasingly has seemed to have less and less room for manoeuvre" despite his authority and respect in government. Lord Mackay did not seem to have noticed "the siren voices stimulated by the [Michael] Portillo review that the Government is gunning for legal aid and lawyers".

Lord Mackay strongly rebuts any suggestion that he does not fight his corner in Cabinet. "I don't know how [the Law Society] can suggest that," he says. "Needless to say, they have more of an interest in my share of public expenditure than they have in, for example, the health service or the prison service, or other publicly funded services that have to be taken into account." He points to his special standing in the Cabinet and says he gets "a very reasonable share of the money that Parliament has raised from the public for support of the legal system".

But others, such as Lord Ackner, a former law lord, have attacked him for what they see as an insidious encroachment by the executive over the independence of the judiciary and the administration of justice. Some now say that the time is ripe for a separate ministry of justice, separating the justice minister role from head of the legal profession.

Lord Mackay is in no mood for such talk or for moving on. There is still much to do, he says, such as completing the new framework for magistrates' courts. He points also to the wide support for his taking over responsibility for those courts from the Home Office. "I am glad," he adds, "to have had the opportunity of this office at a critical time in the development of our legal system."

The law should curb these inspectors

House of Fraser's takeover by the Fayed brothers in 1985 resulted in litigation on an epic scale. Last week, the European Court of Human Rights heard argument in the last scene of this extraordinary legal drama. The court will decide whether, as the Fayeds allege, the system of investigation and report by inspectors appointed under the Companies Act breaches fundamental human rights.

In 1987, Paul Channon, then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, appointed two inspectors to investigate the circumstances of the takeover. In July 1988, the inspectors reported to the Secretary of State, by then Lord Young. He announced that the report was being considered by the Serious Fraud Office. No criminal charges were brought.

The House of Lords dismissed judicial review claims by Lonrho plc, the Fayeds' rivals for House of Fraser, to compel the Secretary of State to publish the inspectors' report, and to require the minister belatedly to refer the takeover bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Ten days before the law lords were due to hear that case, *The Observer* published in March 1989 a special Thursday edition containing lengthy extracts from the secret report. The newspaper revealed the inspectors' findings that "the Fayeds dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources".

The law lords began, and thereafter dismissed, contempt proceedings against Lonrho, Tiny Rowland (its chief executive), *The Observer* and others. The original panel of law lords stood down, although not, they made clear, by reason of the submission that because "the father of one of their Lordships had been Mr Rowland's dentist many years ago, this made him an unsuitable member of the committee".

Lonrho started civil proceedings against the Fayeds, claiming damages for conspiracy and for unlawful interference with business, allegations which the law lords held in 1991 should proceed to trial. Similarly, in 1992, the Court of Appeal refused to strike out Lonrho's claim for alleged negligence by Norman Tebbit, who had been Secretary of State in 1985 when the Fayeds' bid succeeded.

In 1990, the Divisional Court rejected another judicial review application by Lonrho complaining about the refusal of Nicholas Ridley, the new Secretary of State, to bring proceedings to have the Fayeds disqualified as company directors. In 1991, Mr Justic Millett struck out a further, ambitious claim by Lonrho that some of the Fayeds' shares in House of Fraser in fact belonged to Lonrho. Last year, the appeal court refused to strike out another claim by Lonrho that the Fayeds had wrongfully encouraged and participated in an alleged campaign to vilify Lonrho. Lord Justice Dillon understandably confessed that "the temptation is great to say, 'A plague on both your houses and let not the court's time be wasted with any further litigation between them' " on incidental matters.

This legal bonanza (the legal fees for Lonrho and the Fayeds combined have been estimated at £20 million) was brought to an end on October 22, 1993, when Mr Rowland and Mohamed Fayed shook hands and agreed that they were, after all, the best of friends. (I should declare an interest as one of Lonrho's counsel from 1987 to 1993.)

The Fayeds' claim in the European Court is that the United Kingdom has breached article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, which requires that "in the determination of his civil rights and obligations or of any criminal charge against him, everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing within a reasonable time by an independent and impartial tribunal established by law".



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The Fayeds complain that the inspectors damaged their reputation by a report against which there was no right of appeal, and after a private investigation during which they had limited rights. In the 1970s, the appeal court decided that inspectors have a broad discretion as to procedure. They can rely on hearsay. The person being investigated has no right to see all the material relied on, or to cross-examine those who make allegations, but only to know the substance of the charges.

The European Court will probably agree with the European Commission of Human Rights (the lower judicial body) that there was no breach of human rights in the Fayeds' case. As the commission explained, the inspectors' report did not *determine* civil or criminal liability.

Although publication of the report did affect the Fayeds' reputation, this was an incidental consequence of a report which had legitimate public-interest purposes. Judicial review supplied a remedy for arbitrary conclusions or for unfair procedures by the inspectors.

Many difficulties are faced by the Fayeds in establishing that their human rights have been infringed. But, whatever the conclusion reached by the European Court, there is a very strong case for Parliament to reform English law to confine the discretionary powers of inspectors and to impose higher standards of procedural fairness.

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Women? Not yet

AS CANDIDATES jostle for position to become president of the Law Society in 1997, perhaps it's time the Society took a lead from the American Bar Association.

The ABA has just voted in its first woman president, Roberta Cooper Ramo — a radical vote by British standards. Of the 75-member Law Society council, three women are eligible for the post: Fiona Woolf of McKennas, Margaret Anstey of Tozers and Jennifer Israel, who has her own firm. Mrs Anstey, who has sat on the council for ten years, says, however: "I would not have thought it likely to happen yet. The council is not ready to have a woman president."

INNS AND OUTS

Exam protest

THE ROW over failed Bar students at the Council of Legal Education rumbles on. Several of those who failed are still seeking the chance to re-do their exams.

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As solicitors win advocacy rights, the Bar must adapt to new conditions, says **Sir Frederick Lawton**, who suggests future roles for barristers

Last orders for the Bar?

JOHN MANNING



Tomorrow's lawyers? Practising advocacy in the Bar's national mock trial contest

One day in February, Richard Slowe, a solicitor in the firm of S.J. Berwin, appeared in the High Court as Alan Steinfeld QC's junior. Will that day come to be regarded as the beginning of the Bar's terminal decline?

Yes, if the Bar continues to be organised as at present. No, if drastic changes are made to ensure that those calling themselves barristers really are skilled advocates or have a particularly deep knowledge of some part of the law.

Those barristers who appear in the Supreme Court of Judicature in the more important cases will for some years to come be little affected by the arrival there of solicitors. For many years, only a few of them will have enough experience to practise at that level. Even the largest firms of solicitors do not all that often have the kind of cases that require the services of specialist advocates.

The prospects for the barristers who do not get briefed in the important and difficult cases, particularly for those in their first five years of call (and about 2,000 of them are in practice now), are grim. The conditions that led to an increase in the number of practising barristers between 1960 and the present day — from just under 2,000 to more than 7,000 — will probably disappear. This burgeoning of numbers was caused largely by the coming in 1960 of legal aid in criminal cases.

Thereafter, nearly every defendant in the Crown Court was represented by a barrister, but will not be for much longer. Already, 32 solicitors have been granted advocacy rights in criminal cases. Those solicitors who regularly appear in magistrates' courts are likely to be given advocacy rights and will start following their cases to the Crown Court.

Before much longer members of the Crown Prosecution Service will, almost inevitably, be given the right to prosecute in that court. It does not make sense that they are adjudged independent enough to prosecute "either way" offences before magistrates but not before juries.

Then there is the problem of legal aid. The Lord Chancellor recently stated that the rapid growth of legal aid spending since 1986 has become unacceptable. Less legal aid will be granted and the fees are likely to become so depressed they will not be worth having. Another likelihood is that the right of defendants to choose trial by jury may be curtailed. Less and less criminal work will be available at the Bar.

The prospects for those barristers who want to practise in the civil courts are no better. Three factors are operating. First, the extension of the county courts jurisdiction to cases involving up to £50,000 will enable solicitors to undertake work in those courts that previously had to be started in the High Court and barristers briefed. Second, the attitude of solicitors towards litigation is changing. Solicitors are now less likely to disdain advocacy, particularly in the criminal courts. Most firms now have at least one partner who undertakes some advocacy. Third, when employed lawyers are allowed to undertake court work (and they may soon be) organisations big enough to employ several in-house lawyers will use them for most of their cases. This happens in America.

These developments are likely to result in a tiny Bar made up of highly talented members with the financial resources to go on practising during the years when work is scarce. If the Bar goes on recruiting members in much the same way as it does now, there will be a great waste of resources, financial and human. Many young men and women will be lost to the law.

> There is no reality in the argument put forward for two training systems

In all the common law countries with complex industrial, commercial and social structures, bodies of lawyers specialising in advocacy have come into existence. There is a need for them. The English practice of separating students who want to become barristers from those who want to be solicitors has not usually been followed. In America, attorneys can declare themselves to be trial lawyers specialising in advocacy. In Victoria, Australia, about 60 years ago, several attorneys decided to form themselves into a Bar. It has flourished and recruits from attorneys.

Legal set-ups of these kinds may solve the financial problems that beginners at the English Bar have always had to face and which are likely to become more difficult. Is it not time the English Bar accepted that for the future barristers should start as solicitors?

Now that both barristers and solicitors will need the same academic training in the law in the form of either a law degree or a pass in the common professional examination, the parting does not come until the vocational course stage. Bar students get instruction in evidence, criminal and civil procedure and advocacy; the prospective solicitors in conveyancing, trust management and accounts.

Both kinds of students would benefit from a little of what the others learn. Should they not all have the same vocational training, as is favoured by the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee under Lord Justice Steyn. There is no reality in the argument which in the past has been put forward to justify two training systems, namely that each is designed to produce a different approach to law and practice.

There would be no need to wind up the Inns. They could become legal equivalents of the medical royal colleges, deciding the standards required for permission to practise as barristers. Applications to join could be made after some years of practice as solicitors, say seven or ten. By then, the applicants would have come to know what their aptitudes were and what side of practice attracted them. The savings would be enormous. There would be no need for the Inns of Court to run expensive vocational training courses. At much less cost they could finance advanced training for those who were admitted as barristers. And, importantly, the public would benefit.

Whenever the difficulty of a case called for a barrister to be briefed, the litigant would know that whoever was used was recognised by the Inns as having adequate experience in advocacy or great depth of legal knowledge. The Bar seems to recognise the problems besetting it. What it seems not to understand is that palliatives such as restricting numbers of students to be admitted to the vocational courses, more advertising or allowing barristers to deal directly with the public will not produce many more briefs.

● *The author is a retired Lord Justice of Appeal and from 1977 to 1986 was chairman of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education.*

Do-IT-yourself

ROBIN MAYES



Jackets off as the City lawyers help to install their firm's new computer system

Visitors to Warner Cranston, a City law firm, were astonished last week to see staff and partners up to their elbows in the multi-coloured spaghetti of computer wires. It was the final stages of an extraordinary exercise in "do-IT-yourself".

The staff took a month to assemble and install a new information technology (IT) system. All levels of staff have been involved, from Peter Alfandary, the managing director, to the receptionist. Mr Alfandary comments: "The satisfaction I got when I turned on my new computer which I had actually built was extraordinary.

"We've always had a commitment to computers but our previous system was six years old and badly needed replacing. We were shocked at the costs involved. We also were not impressed by what the consultants had to say — in many cases they did not seem to understand what we needed. So we started to examine other possibilities."

The result was the exercise which ended last week with the whole system — including 100 computer terminals — designed and built by the staff. Pioneering the concept was Wit Gryko, a partner and computer buff who convinced his colleagues that the do-IT-yourself route was the one that made best business sense. Mr Alfandary recalls: "He produced a detailed business plan."

> When a City firm wanted a new system, its own staff built and installed it

The financial arguments were impressive. The 14-partner firm has saved at least £200,000 simply in hardware purchase costs. There are even more powerful operational issues. Mr Gryko explains: "Technological innovation is amazingly fast now and we wanted a system that could expand over the next five years to accommodate a number of new facilities such as voice recognition. Suppliers offered inflexible systems that did not give us the options we needed in the medium term."

> We have overcome techno-fear

The technical mastermind who drove the system and supervised the assembly was Roly Pickering, an electronic engineer by background with many years' experience in the computer industry. "At first I was not too keen to join a firm of solicitors," he admits. "But when I saw how committed Warner Cranston was, I decided it was worth a try."

But why go to the lengths of having partners assemble their own machines? "Lawyers do not usually know much about IT but won't admit their ignorance," Mr Gryko says, "so there is a lot of under-use of expensive systems. By taking this route, we have overcome techno-fear and we hope that our lawyers will now use the system to the full."

Dr Richard Susskind, a lawyer for Masons, a City firm, has pioneered many new applications of computers. He runs a consultancy service offering advice to in-house lawyers about IT.

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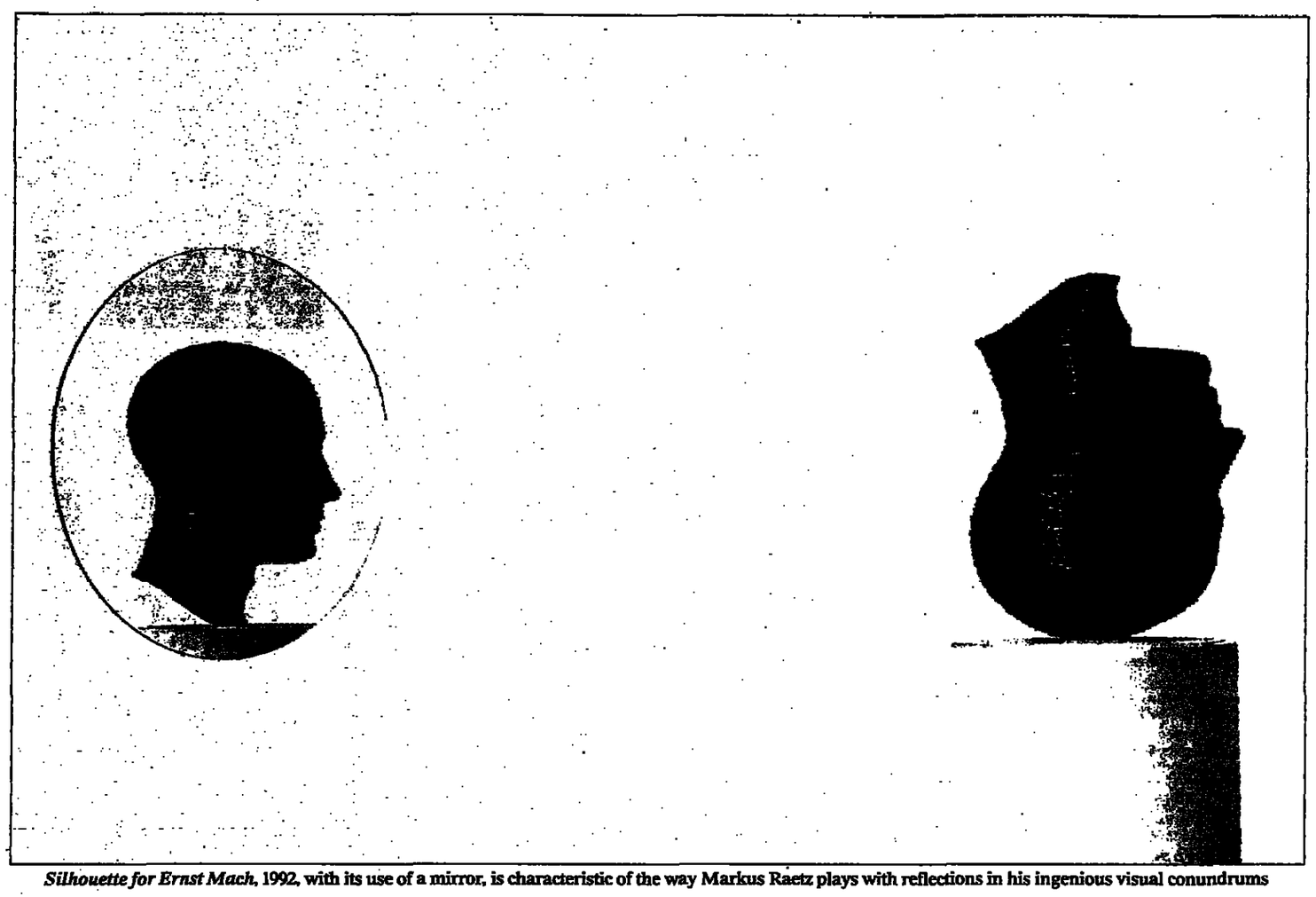
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GALLERIES: A Swiss artist in ambush, Victorian photographs of India, plus recommended shows

Engineer of polite illusions

Richard Cork peers into the looking-glass world of Markus Raetz, where Carroll meets Klee



Silhouette for Ernst Mach, 1992, with its use of a mirror, is characteristic of the way Markus Raetz plays with reflections in his ingenious visual conundrums

Ever since it was acquired by the National Gallery in 1890, Holbein's *The Ambassadors* has bewildered first-time visitors to the collection. For the distended, eerily hovering shape at the base of the painting only reveals itself when viewed from a certain angle. Anyone in the know can walk to the side and, looking from an oblique vantage, see the shape as a skull. It transforms Holbein's entire picture, introducing the spectre of mortality to an otherwise resplendent portrait of two assured, sophisticated Renaissance grandees in their prime.

> "What starts out random suddenly snaps into focus"

Most of Holbein's paintings do not include this teasing, anamorphic device. He was, after all, a master of directness and clarity, as his current exhibition of drawings at the National Portrait Gallery powerfully demonstrates. But the lure of perceptual game-playing continues to seduce artists today. Take Markus Raetz, whose elegant retrospective at the Serpentine Gallery offers Britain its first chance to see this leading Swiss artist in any depth. He has spent the last three decades surprising his viewers with ingenious visual conundrums.

Much of his work operates stealthily, before springing an ambush on the spectator. What starts out looking unidentifiable, even random, suddenly snaps into focus and makes sense. High up in the first room, a cluster of elm twigs appears to be growing up from a shelf. They reminded me, at first, of the found objects which Paul Nash used to cull from countryside walks during his Surrealist phase. But the title of this 1970 work, *Eve*, gives a clue to his real intentions. If you view them head-on, the twigs define the contours of a woman's thighs. Once identified, this gently erotic image takes over completely, and we find ourselves beguiled by the apparent ease with which Raetz finds the female body lurking, like Daphne, in the sprouting forms of nature.

The reliance on line suggests that Raetz owes a considerable debt to another Swiss artist, Paul Klee, who always placed resourceful draughtsmanship at the centre of his work. Both men share a delight in playing with an image, and oscillating between abstraction and representation.

However, compared with the prodigious variety of directions pursued in Klee's work, Raetz seems a cooler, more narrow and single-minded artist. Although he clearly approves of Klee's capacity to "take a line for a walk", Raetz brings the excursion to a halt at the moment when the viewer identifies the image hidden within.

Not far from the twig piece, a group of 25 eucalyptus leaves have been mounted on a white wall with pins. They project outwards, and look initially as if the wind has blown them there. But then we arrive at a point where the leaves suddenly become descriptive. They delineate the bulging cheeks and foreheads of four babies, who seem to have strayed from an airborne Baroque altarpiece. Raetz summarises their cherubic faces with the deftness of a cartoonist, thereby helping to explain why he has an abiding enthusiasm for comic-book illustration.

In a three-part work called *Swirling*, he even arranges his drawings like successive stages in a strip cartoon. At the top, a woman's head is visible beneath her hair, which undulates upwards like a sequence of breaking waves. In the subsequent drawings, however, Raetz closes on the tendrils alone. Their resemblance to water intensifies, reaching the force of a flood in the final image. Leonardo was fascinated by the same equation, pursuing the kinship between hair and an engulfing torrent in picture after picture. Raetz lacks the apocalyptic frenzy of Leonardo's drawings, but he shares the Renaissance master's delight in exploring connections where none would seem to exist.

Leonardo marvelled at the human ability to discover in random wall-stains an intoxicating wealth of references to the world. These accidental marks released his imagination, and Raetz relishes a similar stimulus when making his watercolours. Starting with arbitrary splotches, like the innovative English landscapist Alexander Cozens, he creates wispy suggestions of sea, land and cloud. The results look like faithful views of his native country, and he hints at a darker side in some shadowy interiors of deserted, claustrophobic caverns.

All the same, I found these images disappointingly humdrum. They lack the vital element of surprise which Raetz exploits so cunningly in his recent works. Some of them start with an extreme dispersal of forms. In *Mimi*, he stacks a number of large, clean-cut blocks of oak on the floor. They look as haphazard as a heap of chopped firewood, and no more figurative than a Minimalist sculpture. But then, with a *frisson* of recognition, we grasp the underlying purpose: all these components add up to a reclining body, perhaps indulging in the kind of reverie which surely feeds Raetz's powers of invention.

On the whole, though, he presents his art in a far more polite, traditional manner. Plinths abound, and Raetz uses them as a foil for his mildly subversive intentions. In *Dryad*, an innocent-seeming oval of glass is perched on a column. It appears to have no connection with the five twigs projecting from a nearby wall. But if we look through the glass, towards a blue oval on the wall beyond, the reflected twigs are transformed into a Matissian female nude. The viewer becomes a voyeur, caught in the act of peering through Raetz's equivalent of a butler's keyhole.

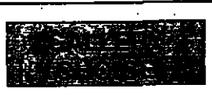
The more we investigate this exhibition, the more we realise that he disproves the old adage about the humourless Swiss. Behind the air of purism and reticence, Raetz is guided by an anarchic love of visual jokes. Metamorphoses, often outrageously cheeky, are engineered in the latest works on display. And unlike the earlier pieces, with their simple reliance on natural fragments, these new exhibits often employ sculptural materials. Cast iron is used for the figure of a man staring at a mirror. His hat and jacket are bourgeois enough to remind us of Magritte, and the reflection in the glass is as strange as any of the conjuring tricks performed by the irrepressible Belgian Surrealist. Instead of a man, a rabbit appears — formed from a different view of the same cast-iron sculpture.

Even after prolonged scrutiny, it is difficult to grasp exactly how Raetz brings off these feats of illusionism. We stare at the upside-down head on a plinth, then at its reversed reflection in the mirror, and wonder all the while at the skill involved. Even more clever are the sculptures which dispense with a mirror altogether. Seen from one angle, the bottle and glass look straightforward enough. Move round them, though, and they change places and sizes: a diminutive bottle stands next to an outsize glass. The transformation is almost as dramatic as the one experienced by Alice when she dared to swallow the enticingly labelled drink.

In the end, however, this exhibition cannot excite our emotions on the deepeset level. Unlike Carroll, or Holbein with his haunting skull in *The Ambassadors*, Raetz stops well short of tapping unconscious fears. Menace, anxiety and violence play no part in this eminently courteous show. It is a polished entertainment, the ideal accompaniment to an Easter stroll in the park. But Raetz's art does not linger in the mind any longer than the smoke rising from his painted plaster pipe. Although he demonstrates how our cognitive faculties can trick us, his very playfulness ensures that he dances only on the surface of the imagination.

We remain amused yet unperturbed, like the tiny wooden man on a tall plinth who stares through a pair of binoculars. Judging by the intersecting discs on the far wall, which reveal the view he is studying, the binoculars offer vagueness and puzzlement rather than close-up clarification. But we find this anomaly no more disturbing than does the man himself, who maintains his erect position and continues, as if mesmerised, to gaze at nothing at all.

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For those in despair at the prospect of the loss to the nation of *Colonel Mordaunt's Cock Match* — John Zoffany's remarkable Indian painting commissioned by Warren Hastings in 1784 — there is a jewel of an exhibition at the British Museum to boost morale. Each of the photographs in *Images of India* is the equal of Zoffany's work. Frustratingly, the display is too mean. A larger treatment — running even to hundreds rather than the 40 or so on display — would have sent the viewer away gratefully full. Instead, I left with serious pangs of hunger. And there is not even a catalogue.

It is a display not just for photography buffs, or for those who know India. There is much here too for historians and observers of custom: a fine collection of moustache styles, clear portrayals of prevailing tribal and racial hierarchies, the dress of 19th-century Bengali peasants, and the capture of familiar monuments — particularly in Calcutta — before they succumbed to modern decay. They reveal, above all, how the enlightened Victorian Englishman accepted the camera and put it to work. He was photographer as historian and his priorities were documentary: the camera led to India's rediscovery.

The Mutiny of 1857 shook the colonisers' sense of mission and their benign self-image. Its roots were thought to lie as much in a failure of government as in a misreading of India. And great documentary enterprises — forensic and empirical in equal measure — took shape in response. The country and its inhabitants were photographed assiduously, with the camera seen as an ally of better administration. One such undertaking was Forbes, Watson and Kaye's *The People of India*. They sought to achieve an exhaustive taxonomy of Indian "types", in eight volumes and more than 500 photographs. There is an example of their work here, a sympathetic portrait of *Lodhas*, tribals from Rajasthan. They bear the proud look of hardy farmers. The portrait is accompanied by the original observation, typical of its time: "*Lodhas* are in general fine able men, but they have not the best of characters, being often turbulent and thievish."

The most powerful aspect of many of the photographs is that they serve as proof of that great cliché, the "timelessness" of the subcontinent. *Jellalabad Bazaar* has not changed one jot, and John Burke's image from 1878 would have seemed familiar to Soviet soldiers when they marched through that town a century later. Unchanged too is the motley collection of stalls outside the *Arakan Pagoda*, shot by Linnaeus Tripe. To him goes the credit for the earliest photographic studies of Burmese topography and architecture.

The finest pictures are the portaits of individuals who look one straight in the eye, "the frontal pose being most often considered archaic nowadays" (as Barthes observed in his *Camera Lucida*). Particularly striking is *The Maharao Raja of Bundi*. He has a supremely affected beard and a fearsome stare. Equally compelling is H. J. Nixon's study of the *Prime Minister of Hyderabad*: he wears an ornate sword but poses in front of the complete set of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. This contrast of east and west is evident in the most intriguing photograph of all, Burke's *Major Cavagnari*. Taken four months before his murder — which he prophesied — Cavagnari's is an awkward bravado, sitting among men who murdered with practised ease.

The most moving pictures, however, are those by Robert Gill. He devoted his life to copying painstakingly the wall painting at the Ajanta caves. The camera changed his life. The last picture of the exhibition is of *Cave VI*, which he had converted into his living quarters. His devotion to these wall paintings, the most accomplished of any ancient civilisation, was total. His were the true Victorian values. And his camera served to enhance them.

TUNKU VARADARAJAN

● Images of India, *King's Library, British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6. Not Good Friday.*

Wee drop of the hard stuff

ARTS BRIEFING

VETERANS of the film festival circuit are in for a shock this summer. The Edinburgh International Film Festival, established in 1946, has officially dropped the "International" tag, and is now calling itself the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival. The reason? Sponsorship, of course.

The Drambuie Liqueur Company, based in Edinburgh, is investing £750,000 in the cash-strapped event over the next three years. Channel 4, a regular sponsor, is also extending its involvement. The investment will help the festival to strengthen its hand in time for its own 50th anniversary. But it is hard to imagine film buffs saying "Are you going to Drambuie this year?" The festival's dates are August 13 to 28.

● THE Royal Philharmonic Orchestra may be going through hard times with the Arts Council at present, but the orchestra's stature abroad seems undimmed. Next week it is to play at the Vatican, in a concert to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust that will be attended by both the Pope and the Chief Rabbi of Rome. Survivors of the concentration camps will also be present among the 7,500 audience at the concert, and the music — to be conducted by Gilbert Levine — will include pieces by Bernstein and Bloch as well as a Schubert psalm setting and the Adagio from Beethoven's Ninth. The actor Richard Dreyfuss and the cellist Lynn Harrell will take part, along with the choir of St Peter's Rome.

Foreward

SWANSEA has announced its preliminary plans to celebrate the UK Year of Literature and Writing in 1995, as part of the Arts Council's series of Arts 2000 annual festivals. The old Guildhall in Swansea will be converted into a "Ty Llen", literally "literature house", though in English it will be called the National Literature Centre for Wales. It will house English and Welsh texts. A festival devoted to Dylan Thomas, born in Swansea, is to be inaugurated each summer. The other major plan, says Sean Doran, the director of the Year of Literature, is to "transform the whole city, from taxis to hairdressing salons, into a visual image of literature".

● THE 1994 Vivien Duffield Award, worth £100,000, will be shared between the Oxford Stage Company and the Polka Theatre for Children. This year's award is intended to help the development of audiences under the age of 25.

The Oxford Stage Company receives £60,000 for a project called "Making the Future", a three-year programme of new plays aimed at the 13-18 age group, and involving a collaboration with the Dutch performance-art director Ad de Bont. Polka receives £40,000 for an audience development scheme called "Curtain Up for First Times".

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TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Gravity features symbolic apples and umbrellas. *Straight Jacket* by Roy Campbell-Moore is quirkily humorous, set to Kathryn Locke's solo cello. **Bloomsbury Theatre**, Gordon Street, London, WC1 (071-388 8822), 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: Here is a welcome revival of J M Barrie's shrewd comedy **What Every Woman Knows**, about a Scotsman on the make and how he succeeds. Dilys Hamlett directs Judy Campbell, Caroline Gruber and Glen Hayes.
Watermill (0635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm: mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Runs until May 7.

NOTTINGHAM: It is party time, 1970s-style, if the video of Primal Scream's tremendous "Rocks Off" single is anything to go by. Dig out your hot pants or lurex flares, get a quick afro perm, and dust up on your hipsnake boogie dance steps. Then thrill to the sights and sounds of a band reliving the swashbuckling era of the Rolling Stones without actually playing any of their songs. Whatever you do, however, don't mention the Counterfeit Stones. **Rock City**, Talbot Street, Nottingham Ⓢ (0602 412544), 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life, Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) . . . **British Museum:** Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection; Contemporary Netsuke (071-636 1555) . . . **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) . . . **Hayward:** Salvador Dali/ Unbound . . . **Kenwood House:** Caro's Trojan Wars (081-348 1286) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) . . . **National Gallery:** Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) **Royal Academy of Arts:** Goya; Art of the Ancient World (071-439 7438) . . . **Tate:** Picasso; Writing on the Wall: women artists (071-887 8008) . . . **V & A:** Fabergé; The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
Ⓢ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **HOT SHOE SHUFFLE:** Hit Australian musical about seven tap dancing brothers and their tangle footed sister. Exuberantly done and very slick, with lots of Big Band music. **Queens**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

■ **JANE EYRE.** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama. **Playhouse**, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm: mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Ⓢ

☐ **JOHNNY ON A SPOT:** Farcical satire about whitewashing a US politician. Charles MacArthur's 1942 play sounds timely. **National** (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.15pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Ⓢ

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker: a kitchen on scaffolding in between the stalls and the stage at Dress Circle level, with 30 chefs rushing manically about. Terrific. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3.30pm. Final week.

■ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY:** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). First night, 7pm.

☐ **THE OLD LADIES:** Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle and Miriam Karlin in a slack version of Rodney Ackland's thriller. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until April 2. Ⓢ

☐ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler, with Antony Sher. **Savoy**, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) . . . **April in Paris.** Ambassadors (071-836 6111) . . . Ⓢ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . Ⓢ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) . . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Crazy for You.** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . Ⓢ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) . . . Ⓢ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ **Me and Mussie O'Rourke:** Strand, until April 9 (071-930 8800) . . Ⓢ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) Ⓢ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . Ⓢ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **Oleanna.** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . Ⓢ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ARISTOCATS (U):** Avaricious butler threatens feline Parisians. Pleasant but less than classic Disney cartoon from 1970. Director, Wolfgang Reitherman.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **BEETHOVEN'S 2ND (U):** Overly bland family fun with six St. Bernard dogs. Rod Daniel directs Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, and an army of four-legged friends.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

DAENS (15): Worthy Belgian epic about an embattled priest championing the poor in the 1890s. Strong performance by Jan Decleir. Director, Stijn Coninx.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **SISTER ACT 2: BACK IN THE HABIT (PG):** Whoopi Goldberg returns to the wimple. Unwise, dawdling, preachy sequel to a one-off hit.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

AUTUMN MOON: Clara Law's beautiful, touching film about youthful alienation in Hong Kong, dazzlingly shot in greys and blues.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647)

◆ **COOL RUNNINGS (PG):** Cheerful comedy about the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Winter Olympics. John Turtletaub directs John Candy, Leon and Doug E. Doug.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

THE MUSIC OF CHANCE (15): Intriguing if unsatisfactory film from Paul Auster's novel about chance and destiny. James Spader and Mandy Patinkin head a choice cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF (12):** Sleek, tatuous version of John Grisham's novel stars Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington. Alan J. Pakula directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **PHILADELPHIA (12):** An Aids victim's fight for justice. Compromises galore but dynamically told. With Tom Hanks and Denzel Washington; Jonathan Demme directs.
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THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Plaza** (0800 386997)

◆ **SCHINDLER'S LIST (15):** German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive epic from Spielberg, with Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire Ⓢ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 5705) **Plaza** (071-437 1234) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **SHORT CUTS (18):** Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Tim Robbins and Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Gate** Ⓢ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **WAYNE'S WORLD 2 (PG):** The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel.
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888911) **Odeon Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683)

SOUL: **Paul Sexton** takes a sentimental journey back to the golden age of laidback funk

The old ones are still the best

Maze
Apollo, Hammersmith

JAMES MORGAN



Sweet soul music's long-serving Frankie Beverly brings back some halcyon days with the rest of Maze

NOBODY would think of inventing a group like Maze these days. They stand for the values of a different era of R&B. The cockles were nicely reheated, then, to find the Apollo full of similarly old-fashioned girls and boys, many of them in a fashion timewarp from the group's golden days of the late 1970s and early 1980s, here to celebrate the very survival of Frankie Beverly's bunch in the largely romance-free zone of 1990s street soul.

Beverly is an unlikely frontman, squat and baseball-capped, but 23 years after forming Raw Soul, Maze's precursor, he knows what he's about and how it got colder outside for bands such as his, most of which ran out of gas years ago. Proudly announcing that their somewhat unfortunately titled current album *Back to Basics* had just become their 12th gold LP in a row, he said to loud cheers: "I think our people don't want us to change. We're going to stay home."

The new record, produced, as usual, by Beverly, contains the customary personal effects: unhurried, unpretentious and uncluttered soul with nary a pugnacious rap nor a heavy-handed innuendo in sight. As he sings on "Laid Back Girl," the album's R&B chart success, "I'm a laidback kind of guy in a mixed up kind of world."

The large mirror ball at the back of the stage added to the feeling of a Caister soul weekender reunion as the skintight eight-piece band, containing long-servers Robin Duhe on bass and McKinley "Bug" Williams on percussion, peeled back such innocent memories as "Back In Stride", "We Are One" and "Happy Feelin's", this last from the self-titled 1977 album that began their decade of success with Capitol.

Beverly's refusal to allow any intrusive contemporisation of the group might not help their profile, but has allowed them to trade quietly, effectively and indefinitely. The days of selling out six nights at this venue may be over, but to pack the place twice in 1994 without ever achieving a major crossover hit is its own tribute.

Their legendary anthem "Joy And Pain" — absurdly, better known to a pop audience by the otherwise anonymous Donna Allen who hijacked it into the Top Ten in 1989 — rang from the rafters in a mighty ten-minute version. Unlike other advocates of back to basics, there are no flies on Maze and if there were, they'd stay firmly fastened.

LONDON CONCERTS: A veteran maestro returns; and more from a Russian maverick

Hard-won triumph

Philharmonia/Giulini
Festival Hall

AN AUDIENCE knows exactly what to expect from a performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony conducted by Carlo Maria Giulini, now in his 80th year. As with the composer himself, whose 1822 sketchbooks reveal long struggle and hard labour, the final monumental triumph does not come easily.

From the start, each note of those emphatic opening pairs is equally weighted, grounded, as it were, to make it quite clear that there is a long, long way to go before the stars are reached. This rhythmic motif dominates with such gentle insistence that the woodwinds shine through as bright, dancing presences: this is where the real scherzo is to be found.

For the Scherzo itself has little to do with high spirits and certainly never comes near a *molto vivace*. Giulini leaves it to the weight of the brass and the might of dynamic strength alone to provide impetus. What really interests him are the long lines of simultaneously singing melody which lie in between.

These prepare the ear and the bow for the singing which already starts in the strings of the slow movement. A firm, clear clarinet gilds the line; the violins try not to sound over-excited by the first call to attention.

The grave beauty which has been born through the travail of the first three movements now finds maturity in the persistent recitatives in the bass strings, almost imperceptibly yielding to flow and contraflow as first bassoons, then the entire orchestra, give voice. Soloists Françoise Pollet, Jard Van Nes, Richard Margison and Alastair Miles, and a vast Philharmonia Chorus gave reverent assent to Giulini's noble choral climax.

In the presence of music-making of such quiet integrity, is it sheer greed, I wonder, to ask for more? When there are performances which allow the Scherzo to spring rather than to lurch back into life, which create expectancy rather than dutiful response in that tingling transition to the finale; which, above all, convince the listener that "Alle Menschen werden Brüder" is prophecy rather than mere wish — then I think not. With this work it is impossible to expect too much.

HILARY FINCH

Wild man of the East

Schnittke Festival
Royal Academy of Music

THE primary focus of the Schnittke celebration at the Royal Academy of Music last week was, of course, the evolving style of the composer's music. Twenty-two of his works were heard, three of them for the first time in this country, offering an unparalleled opportunity to glimpse the many sides of this intriguing composer and perhaps to arrive at some preliminary critical judgments.

But what this boldly conceived festival (the latest in a series devoted to major 20th-century figures) also offered was the chance to hear some of the brightest young performing stars of the next generation coming to grips with some formidably challenging scores and emerging with much credit. The impact of the new principal, the American cellist Lynn Harrell, on performing standards is palpable, and aptly enough it was Harrell who directed a finely controlled account of the Dialogue for solo cello and seven players. This is a relatively early work (1965) which engages the solo cellist in a series of more or less amicable discussions and disputations with the other players. Mats Lidström was an eloquent interlocutor.

In the Serenade, with its characteristic snatches of Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto, the elite Manson Ensemble were both technically assured and persuasive, making Schnittke's jokey or sardonic references sound entirely justified and convincing. Little could be done, however, for the Two Short Pieces for organ or for *Schall und Hall* for trombone and organ, neither of which reveal Schnittke at his most inspired.

This was a good evening for student composition, though. Edmund Neill's *Je fus mystique*, winner of the RAM/Independent Composers' Competition, skilfully evoked the volatility of the French poet Verlaine's moods, veering from tender to violent, at the same time addressing the potential problem of such mood-painting works by achieving an underlying consistency of tone.

More in the Schnittke vein, Paul Englishby's dazzling *Blackpool Lights* incorporated (on tape) the weird and wonderful sound of the mighty Wurlitzer organ from the Tower Ballroom.

On the previous evening, the Medea Quartet admirably held together the disparate elements of the Quartet No 3, while in the Cello Sonata Sarah Barnes, accompanied by Vanessa Perez, sustained a mood of quiet intensity with wonderfully expressive tone, concentrated in its sotto voce but rising to peaks of vibrant lyricism.

The even more subdued Piano Quintet may not have been an ideal work on which to end the concert, but an ensemble led by Katherine Hunka captured its obsessive quality so impressively that one willingly made the effort to enter this despairing, introspective world: an aspect of Schnittke complementary to the exuberant showmanship. This valuable festival enabled us to appreciate both.

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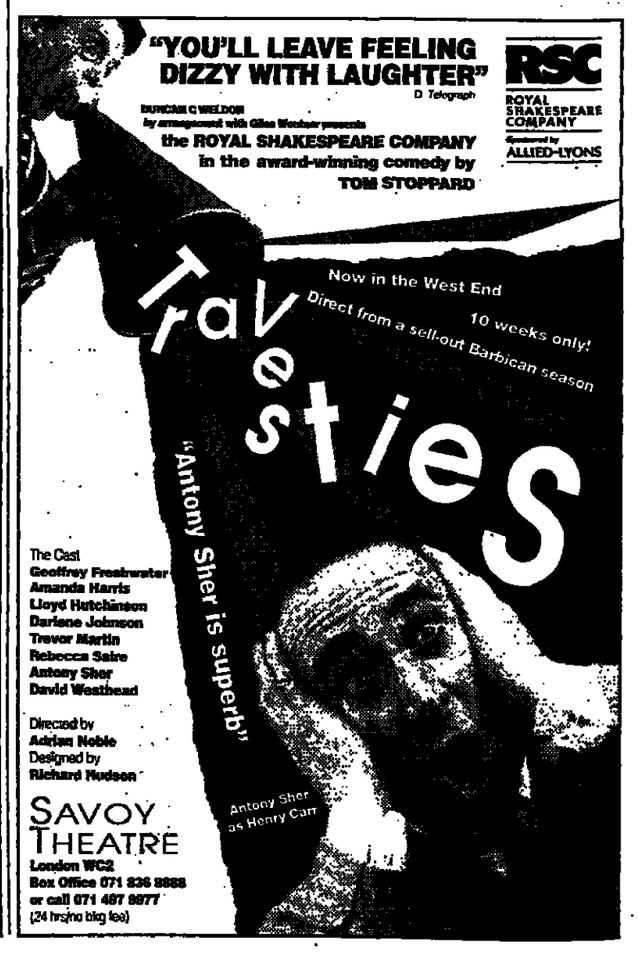
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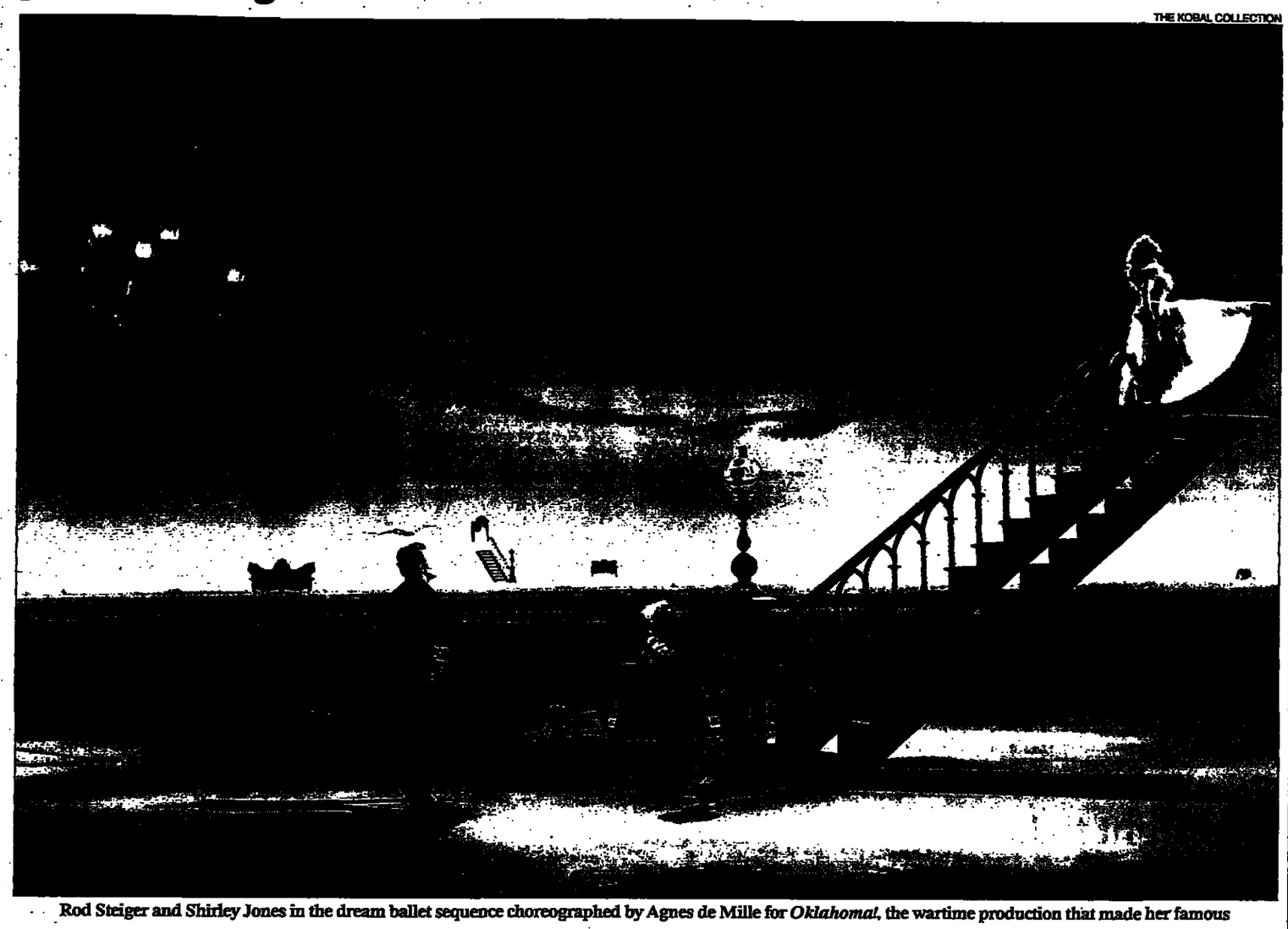
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Ready for you now, Ms de Mille

Allen Robertson on choreographer Agnes de Mille, whose *Fall River Legend* is to receive a belated British premiere



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Rod Steiger and Shirley Jones in the dream ballet sequence choreographed by Agnes de Mille for *Oklahoma!*, the wartime production that made her famous

Born in Manhattan, raised in Hollywood, married to a Texan, Agnes de Mille was still a quintessential New England spinster. Stubborn, opinionated and often cantankerous, she had a no-nonsense practicality, fortitude and belief in herself that kept her going against all the odds. As she herself often said: "I know how to hate."

Niece of movie magnate Cecil B., she was smart, but never pretty. And until she met her husband, she felt unloved. She was 38 at the time, although she frequently lied about her age.

Small wonder then that the real-life tragedy of New England spinster Lizzie Borden spoke to her so deeply. De Mille compellingly dramatised the horrific events of Borden's life in *Fall River Legend*, one of her most famous ballets. Now, nearly 50 years after its premiere by American Ballet Theatre, it is finally being added to the British repertoire this week when Birmingham Royal Ballet performs it at Covent Garden.

Despite the fact that Americans honoured her as one of the 20th century's most important dancemakers, de Mille is virtually unknown in Britain as a ballet choreographer, perhaps because her subject matter so consistently reflected the American experience. Sadly, de Mille, who had worked in London prior to her American breakthrough, did not live long enough to see one of her ballets cross the Atlantic. She died last October at the age of 87.

Success first came to de Mille almost as late as love. It was only in 1942, the year before she met her husband, that she had become a star, dancing the tomboy cowgirl in her own Americana ballet *Rodeo*. Her biggest triumph came the following year, when she was hired to choreograph the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma!*

That resounding triumph, followed by other phenomenal Broadway hits such as *Carousel* and *Brigadoon*, turned her into a huge commercial celebrity, the best-known choreographer in America. Her ground-breaking insistence on integrating dance into the story, rather than letting it dangle at the edges like some glittering but inessential bauble, changed the format of the musical. Then, in 1947, with Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Allegro*, de Mille became the first choreographer to function as director of an entire production. In so doing she paved the way for Jerome Robbins, Bob Fosse, Michael Bennett and Tommy Tune.

De Mille suffered a massive stroke in 1975 which paralysed the right side of her body. This was followed by a severe heart attack a year later; yet, indomitable fighter that she was, she struggled on. Not only did she get her speech back, she actually tried to continue choreographing and, most importantly, she never stopped writing.



The last time we talked was in the Greenwich Village apartment where she had lived since 1946. She conducted the interview from her bed. Propped up with pillows, a writing table across her lap, she was surrounded by piles of manuscripts, books and magazines. De Mille wrote a dozen books, including several volumes of acerbic autobiography. Although she sometimes twiddled with facts, her ability to evoke character and event was as vivid as any novelist's.

Her clashes with her uncle make marvellous (if often emotionally painful) reading. "Being a de Mille was never any help to my career," she told me. "If anything it was a hindrance. People would say: 'If you're supposed to be so good, why doesn't your uncle give you a job?' But, of course, he wouldn't because I wasn't glamorous enough for his purposes."

Her father was no help either. "I wanted to be a ballet dancer, but he was absolutely, adamantly against it. He thought it was nothing more than a form of athletics and not very interesting. But by the time I graduated from college he'd lost all interest in fighting my decision because he was leaving my mother. So I came to New York with mother and tried to be a dancer.

"I had always been told that I had enormous talent and that I was so gifted. I was egocentric, spoilt rotten and determined to be a success. But when I arrived in New York I was overweight, not very attractive and mother dressed me abominably. She dressed me! I was a college graduate, *cum laude*, and mother still said what clothes I was to wear. Eventually, I decided I'd better escape to England."

> "I was spoilt rotten, determined to be a success, not very attractive and mother dressed me abominably"
>
> AGNES DE MILLE

That escape led to some momentous events in the dance world. In London, she studied with Marie Rambert and became friends with Antony Tudor. Although never officially a member of Ballet Rambert, she did appear in the premiere of Tudor's *Dark Elegies* (1937). But with the war coming de Mille was forced to return to New York. There she got involved in plans to form a new American company that was to be called Ballet Theatre (now American Ballet Theatre).

Its patron, the wealthy ballerina Lucia Chase, wanted the young British choreographer Frederick Ashton to join her company. De Mille convinced Chase that Ashton might come to America, but would never stay. So, if she really wanted to invest in the future she should hire Tudor, then unknown in America.

The rest is history. Tudor and de Mille, along with Jerome Robbins, became the bright trio of choreographers who helped to stamp out the identity of Ballet Theatre.

But success, even though it proved enormous, was never enough to heal the wounds completely. The chips on de Mille's shoulder were made of granite. One of the biggest was labelled "Tudor". Comrades and rivals, Tudor and de Mille had an uneasy relationship. She respected his artistry, but knew that he had no such view of her talents.

"I'd wanted to do *Fall River Legend* for a long time," she said. "When I first told Tudor about it he said: 'I take it that's a bad joke'. He stopped it being put on for several seasons and in the meantime he did *Undertow*, which is also a story of murder.

"Well, when I finally did *Fall River* anyway, I remember a big meeting of the Friends of the Ballet or something, and Antony was speaking at it. He said that I had stolen all of *Fall River Legend* from *Undertow*.

"And, because I'd taken all my ideas from him he had to protest. That was just poppycock and he knew it, but he was vicious. Until his dying day he never stopped accusing me of stealing from him."

The brutal axe murders of Borden's father and stepmother in the small town of Fall River, Massachusetts in 1892, became a part of folk myth. Borden's trial gripped the nation and even now many American children can still recite the grisly rhyme:

Lizzie Borden took an axe
And gave her mother forty whacks;
When she saw what she had done
She gave her father forty-one.

Ironically, the courts set the real-life Borden free. She lived to an old age as a virtual recluse in the house where the murders were committed.

Despite the verdict of the jury, de Mille's puritanical streak refused to countenance such an outcome. No matter what 12 mere men thought, she knew her sister under the skin was guilty, and in *Fall River Legend* the self-orphaned Borden hangs. De Mille's sense of justice forced her to redress the balance. She did so with understanding, even tenderness — but not forgiveness.

● Fall River Legend *opens at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911) on Thursday night*

THEATRE

Mother of all wars

Leaking From Every Orifice
BAC, SW11

CLAIRE Dowie, lesbian monologist, enters with a fag, a beer and a baby. The little pet is asleep in one of those portakid-knapsack affairs. Dowie takes a drag and a swig and lauches into her autobiographical extended set about being a mother. The storyline of her show *Why Is John Lennon Wearing A Skirt?* has become a reality: a dyke and her gay friend have had a go at heterosexuality and ended up appalled parents.

The point of this spasmodically tickling show is what a nightmare it *is having* a bundle of joy. The message is an important one and it is rare to hear a mummy getting such dissatisfactions off her chest.

Dowie grants us a peak at the tiny tot, who turns out to be a toy orang-utan, and tosses it behind her. She is frank, with flashes of hardness which might have big softies boo-hooing, yet she always sees the funny side about "how crap it is being a woman".

The narrative structuring is not enormously adventurous apart from a wonderful digression on Flake adverts and sex appeal which deliriously sidelines Dowie in the throes of labour. There are flat periods, although the second half picks up, and the material is not universally novel: contraceptive trouble has become a stand-up comic's stand-by.

However, Dowie has energised madness. She leans towards us like an angle-poise lamp as she cracks jokes about having sex with a man so keen not to oppress her it is positively frustrating.

Dowie is a whir of large hands and long arms as she whisks through the absurdities of ante-natal classes, her cravings for shelving, and the madness of midwifery.

She is an engaging mix of the sweet and slightly shocking. With her crewcut and bony body, she is tomboyish with a certain spikiness. On the feminist front, there are no holds barred as she whips down into the doggy position to describe giving birth, pouring with sweat, being sick, indeed passing every bodily fluid possible.

But she is also fresh and endearing. She has a gawky grin and a nervous laugh (genuine or an act) which allow her, in her mid-thirties, to seem innocently girlish even as she incisively questions society's assumptions about being feminine.

KATE BASSETT

DANCE REVIEWS: Triple treats at Covent Garden ... hell from leathers in Watford ... solo drag without boredom

Ashton underlined

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

IF the characters in Ashton's *A Month in the Country* had left the city expecting rural peace they were completely wrong. An awful lot happens in this Russian retreat, with lost keys, innumerable declarations of love, several confrontations and one heart-wrenching departure — all in a 4½-minute day, compressed from the weeks of Turgenev's play.

But the ballet, in Covent Garden's latest triple bill, remains one of Ashton's most touchingly wistful. It is a lament to romantic youth, on which a door firmly closes; its language is ripened to autumnal richness; its heroine Natalia Petrovna stands poised on the threshold of staid middle age. Genesia Rosato, dancing Petrovna, brought this out wonderfully, with subtle depictions of motive and feeling.

Sylvie Guillem, in another cast, did not project such transparent detail, although her final tearful breakdown was profoundly affecting. Her style of dancing moreover seems too self-consciously clear-cut for the shimmering fluidity of Ashton.

Bruce Sansom presented a boyish and convincing Beliaev, a little on the short side for Guillem. Zoltan Solymosi has too bulky a physique and quality for outstanding elegance or exemplary precision; but he cut a vital, glamorous figure which explained why women lost their hearts to him. His pas de deux with Rosato, with its swooning, sighing choreography, evolved through the still hush of a rapt audience.

The company looked equally good in Ashton's opening *The Dream*. Sansom made a light, petulant Oberon, with the bonus of a classically proportioned arabesque line. He did not, however, have William Trevitt's commanding presence in the other cast.

Opposite him, Sarah Wildor was enchanting as Titania, more vivid than Viviana Durante, Sansom's fairy queen, less edgily flamboyant in her dancing. A brittle virtuosity also marred Tetsuya Kumakawa's Puck in the Sansom cast, his breathtaking technique drawing too much attention to itself. Anthony Bourne, fluent and neat, got the balance right.

And so into the jaws of the lion featured on the backcloth of *Tombeaux*. Actually, the journey is not threatening at all, this being one of David Bintley's plotless works. Still, *Tombeaux* is smoothly constructed, with flashes of originality in the lifts and poses.

Deborah Bull and Errol Pickford made their debuts in roles created on Sansom and Durante. Bull has yet to find her own personality for it; she lacked Durante's delicate, creamy pliancy. But I enjoyed Pickford's sharply defined, yet soft manner, with its clean and floating jump.

NADINE MEISNER



DEE CONWAY

Genesia Rosato and Zoltan Solymosi dance the swooning, sighing pas de deux from Ashton's *A Month in the Country*

Gender bender

De Frutos
Chisenhale

JAVIER de Frutos certainly shows ambition in the choice of music for his solo dances. *Dialogue Between Hemispheres* last week took Vivaldi's *Stabat Mater* as its basis. In the past he has danced *The Rite of Spring* and Prokofiev's First Piano Concerto. Beside these, Ravel's *Bolero*, which he danced recently at The Place, seems almost a doddle. The length of the Vivaldi precludes such intensity of texture as in the Ravel. Instead of concentrated movement repeated constantly in a spotlit centrestage, this time he spread a kind of ritual over the full floor area.

Tall, scrawny, with shaven head, one earring and a proclivity for dancing nude, de Frutos starts *Dialogue Between Hemispheres* with a slow parade in women's high heels to accentuate the luscious, hip-swinging style he sometimes adopts. Gender-bending is one of his preoccupations, from ostentatious effeminacy to virile toughness; other contrasts running through the piece are security and anxiety, abrupt speed and stillness, sneering and leering.

He gives himself a magic power to control light or darkness: electric lamps cunningly placed between chairs at the back of the stage, or hanging low across its area, go on and off at a gesture of sound from him. What all this has to do with Vivaldi I cannot quite see, but he is a compelling performer.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Girls in tight trousers

Metalcholica
Palace, Watford

WHAT is *Metalcholica*? It is the harsh black silhouette of a Honda motorbike against the luminous expanse of an endless horizon, *writes Nadine Meisner*. It is the roar of an engine, life on the road, seven cities in seven days, the wind against your face. It is heavy metal music, bulldozing rhythms and melodies set in dense textures of jangling guitar. It is also Lea Anderson's new piece for her all-female group the Cholmondeleys, embarking on a two-month tour.

Metalcholica tells us about girls who would be boys. There is nothing that suits a Cholmondeley better than tight black leather trousers and fringed jackets, especially when they are by their designer extraordinaire, Sandy Powell. Wearing black pebble shades, they perform a dance of ultra-minimal, super-cool hip swivels and posturings. In a long partnering sequence for several duos, they are black outlines of insolent chic, their movement a perfect play of reiterated images, of backs arching back and forth, of jiving holds.

Metalcholica tells us about injury and death, the choreography shifting to pictures of crumpled bodies, lifted, dragged and laid to rest, the sky flaring yellow as the din of an *Easy Rider* crash fills the air. Gaynor Coward provided her own unscripted and horrifying allusion to that theme when, in what felt like sickening slow motion, she and her machine toppled over the edge of the stage. Miraculously she emerged unscathed. She had spent the show repairing her purportedly stalled machine, her presence providing a continuum between sections.

After a while, the dance begins to pall. It becomes exciting when Anderson switches to extravagance, with torsos tipping back exaggeratedly or arms raised exuberantly. But her reliance elsewhere on pedestrian movement, on slumps and rolls and crouches, on empty hand gestures and ambiguous head shakings and eye rollings soon looks thin.

True, in this the tenth year of the Cholmondeleys' existence, she has tried to improve on her grimly simplistic blocks of chugging figures with a richer stratagem of unison, contrast and canon. True, also, her composer Drostan Madden has spared us his usual monotonous robotic music in favour of American-inspired hard rock. But she must travel further and leave behind a formula that has served too long. She must follow the example of her fellow biker girls who start as black-clad Hell's Angels but then move upwards to finish dressed in celestial silver. It is time for a rebirth, Lea.

ROCK REVIEW

Caught on screens

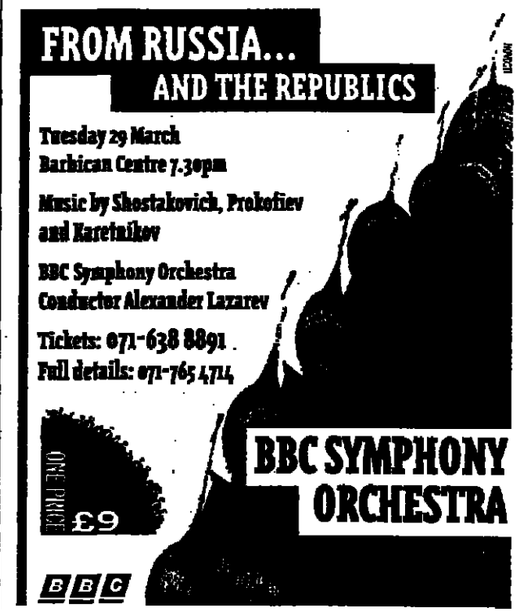
IF YOU fancy a night out in front of the television then The Grid are just the ticket. The stage is bedecked with 14 television sets, each displaying frantically changing words and patterns. The images and instructions — "Say Yes", "Protect Yourself", "Stay Awake" — transfix the audience.

Musically, the Grid eschew the quaint habits of verse and chorus. Melodies are added sparingly, in elegant snippets, to a barrage of beats. The net effect is strangely attractive.

The Grid are no novices. Although augmented to a four-piece (three keyboards and percussion) for live performances, the band is primarily Richard Norris, sometime DJ, journalist and dance club organiser, and Dave Ball, former partner of Marc Almond in the 1980s pop duo Soft Cell. Their 1990 debut was a stunning piece of ambient dance, "Floatation". Four years later, they are with their third record company, but still managing to produce hits. Their most recent single, "Texas Cowboys", incorporating the sound of an intergalatic gun fight, made the Top 20.

At the Waterfront, Norwich, the lugubrious simplicity of "Floatation", illustrated with shoals of dolphins, provided the only moment of mildly melancholic relaxation. The rest was just pounding energy.

JOHN STREET



Duty of bailee of goods

Owners of cargo lately laden on board K. H. Enterprise v Owners of Pioneer Container

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Lowry, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Sir Thomas Eichelbaum

[Judgment March 21]

A person who voluntarily took another person's goods into his custody held them as bailee of the owner and he could only invoke terms of a sub-bailment under which he received the goods from an intermediate bailee as qualifying or otherwise affecting his responsibility to the owner if the owner consented to them.

The Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, the owners of cargo lately laden on board K. H. Enterprise, against the order of the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on April 10, 1992 (i) upholding the decision of Mr Justice Sears that the sub-bailee shipowners were able to rely on an exclusive jurisdiction clause, providing for the determination of all claims in Taiwan, in the feeder bills of lading, notwithstanding that two of the three groups of plaintiffs were not parties to the contract with the shipowners; and (ii) reversing the judge's exercise of discretion in refusing to stay the plaintiffs' proceedings in Hong Kong.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr George Leggatt for the plaintiffs; Mr Michael Thomas, QC and Mr Anthony Dicks for the shipowners.

LORD GOFF, delivering the judgment of the board, said that there had been a sub-bailment, a bailment by the owner of goods to a bailee, followed by a sub-bailment by the bailee to a sub-bailee, and the question had arisen whether, in an action by the owner against the sub-bailee for loss of the goods, the sub-bailee could rely as against the owner upon one of the terms upon which the goods had been sub-bailed to him by the bailee.

There were two related questions: first, the identification of the relationship between the owner and sub-bailee, and second, whether, given that relationship, it was open to the sub-bailee to invoke as against the owner the terms upon which he had received the goods from the bailee.

In *Gilchrist Watt and Sanderson Pty Ltd v York Products Pty Ltd* ([1970] 1 WLR 1262), the Privy Council had held that the defendant sub-bailees "took upon themselves an obligation to the plaintiffs [the holders of the bills of lading] to exercise due care for the safety of the goods, although there was no contractual relation or attornment between the defendants and the plaintiffs."

In support of that conclusion, the Privy Council had relied on *Morris v C. W. Martin & Sons Ltd* ([1966] 1 QB 716).

On the authority of *Gilchrist Watt* the shipowners in the present case became on receipt of the relevant goods the bailees of the goods of both of the two groups of plaintiffs.

Furthermore, they became the bailees of the goods for reward. Their Lordships, like Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, in *Morris v Martin*, considered that, if the sub-bailment was for reward, the obligation owed by the sub-bailee to the owner had likewise to be that of a bailee for reward, notwithstanding that the reward was payable not by the owner but by the bailee.

It would be inconsistent in those circumstances to impose on the sub-bailee two different standards of care in respect of goods so entrusted to him.

But the question then arose whether, as against the owners, here the two groups of plaintiffs, the sub-bailees, here the shipowners, could invoke any of the terms on which the goods were sub-bailed to them and in particular the exclusive jurisdiction clause.

In *Morris v Martin*, Lord Denning expressed his opinion on that point in clear terms, although on the facts of the case his opinion was *obiter*. He had said (at p729) that "the owner is bound by the conditions if he has expressly or impliedly consented to the bailee making a sub-bailment containing those conditions, but not otherwise".

That statement had not been followed in *Johnson Matthey & Co Ltd v Constantine Terminals Ltd* ([1976] 2 Lloyd's Rep 215).

In order to decide whether to accept the principle so stated by Lord Denning, it was necessary to consider the relevance of the concept of "consent" in the present context. It had to be assumed that, on the facts of the case, no direct contractual relationship had been created between the owner and the sub-bailee, the only contract created by the sub-bailment being that between the bailee and the sub-bailee.

Even so, if the effect of the sub-bailment was that the sub-bailee voluntarily received into his custody the goods of the owner and so assumed towards the owner the responsibility of a bailee, then to the extent that the terms of the sub-bailment were consented to by the owner, it could properly be said that the owner had authorised the bailee so to regulate the duties of the sub-bailee in respect of the goods entrusted to him, not only towards the bailee but also towards the owner.

Such a conclusion, finding its origin in the law of bailment rather than the law of contract, did not depend for its efficacy either on the doctrine of privity of contract or on the doctrine of consideration.

At the root of the question lay a doctrinal dispute of a fundamental nature, which was epitomised in the question: was it a prerequisite of a bailment that the bailor should have consented to the bailee's possession of the goods?

An affirmative answer led to the conclusion that if the owner sought to hold a sub-bailee responsible to him as bailee, he had to accept all the terms of the sub-bailment, warts and all; for either he would have consented to the sub-bailment on those terms or, if not, he would, by holding the sub-bailee liable to him as bailee, be held to have ratified all the terms of the sub-bailment.

On a negative answer, a person who voluntarily took another person's goods into his custody held them as bailee of that person, the owner; and he could only invoke, for example, terms of a sub-bailment under which he received the goods from an intermediate bailee as qualifying or otherwise affecting his responsibility to the owner if the owner consented to them.

It was the latter approach which had been adopted by English law and, with English law, the law of Hong Kong.

That conclusion, which flowed from *Morris v Martin* and *Gilchrist Watt*, produced a result which was both principled and just.

A sub-bailee could only be said for those purposes to have voluntarily taken into his possession the goods of another if he had sufficient notice that a person other than the bailee was interested in the goods so that it could properly be said that, in addition to his duties to the bailee, he had, by taking the goods into his custody, assumed towards that other person the responsibility for the goods which was characteristic of a bailee. That was the underlying principle.

That principle did not impose obligations on the sub-bailee which were onerous or unfair, once it was recognised that he could invoke against the owner terms of the sub-bailment which the owner had actually, expressly or impliedly, or even ostensibly authorised.

In the last resort, the sub-bailee might, if necessary and appropriate, be able to invoke against the bailee the principle of warranty of authority.

On the facts of the present case, their Lordships agreed with the decision of Mr Justice Sears and the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong that the plaintiffs were bound by the exclusive jurisdiction clause and held that the Court of Appeal had been entitled to exercise its discretion to order that all proceedings in the action be stayed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Holman Fenwick & Willan.

Competing foreign judgments

Showlag v Mansour and Others

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Woolf and Lord Nolan

[Judgment March 15]

Where there were two competing foreign judgments, each pronounced by a court of competent jurisdiction, final and not open to impeachment, the earlier in time had to be recognised and given effect to the exclusion of the later.

The Privy Council, so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Abdul Rahman Showlag, suing on his own behalf and as the representative of the heirs to the estate of Sheikh Abdul Ahmed Showlag, from the dismissal on October 28, 1992, by the Court of Appeal of Jersey (Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Mr R. D. Harman, QC and Mr A. C. Hamilton, QC) of his appeal from the order of the Royal Court (Commissioner Hamon, Jurat Blampied and Jurat Herbert) of December 23, 1991, overturning an order of the Judicial Greffier of June 12, 1991, striking out answers filed by the first and second defendants, Abdel Moniem Mansour and First Union Corporation SA.

Mr John Thomas, QC, Miss Geraldine Andrews and Mr Richard Michel, advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey, for the plaintiff; Mr Christopher Carr, QC and Mr Alan Binnington, advocate of the Royal Court of Jersey, for the defendants.

LORD KEITH said that after the death of the late Sheikh Abdul Ahmed Showlag his representatives discovered that two deposits in London banks, together worth £17.5 million, no longer existed. They had been transferred to an account in Switzerland in the name of a company, incorporated in Panama by Mr Mansour and wholly owned by him.

Mr Mansour, an Egyptian national, had been employed by the sheikh in connection with his business affairs in London. He claimed that the money in the deposits had been gifted to him by the sheikh.

Most of the money in the Swiss account was dispersed by Mr Mansour to a number of different countries, including Jersey and, as to the bulk of it, Egypt.

The sheikh's heirs believed the money had been stolen and instituted proceedings in various jurisdictions.

On December 5, 1990, in England Mr Justice Hoffmann gave judgment for the heirs. The judgment contained a devasting destruction of Mr Mansour's claim that the money was a gift.

On December 31, 1990, a court in Egypt, in a criminal prosecution to which the heirs had been joined as *partie civile*, found Mr Mansour guilty of having stolen the deposits.

However, the Misdemeanours Court of Appeal on May 23, 1991, allowed an appeal by Mr Mansour, on the ground that he had received the money in the deposits as a gift, and dismissed the heirs' civil claim. An appeal against that decision was still pending.

The actions out of which the present appeal arose had been commenced in Jersey in 1989. Following Mr Justice Hoffmann's judgment, the plaintiff moved to strike out the defences on the ground that the question whether or not there had been a gift was *res judicata*.

The motion was granted in June 1991. However, following the appeal court decision in Egypt Mr Mansour obtained a reversal of the order.

It was common ground that the doctrine of *res judicata* formed part of the law of Jersey and that it applied to foreign judgments. However, the Jersey court was faced with the unusual situation that there were two incompatible foreign judgments, each accepted by the unsuccessful party to it as being for present purposes that of a court of competent jurisdiction and not open to challenge on any traditional ground such as fraud.

In their Lordships' opinion, the correct general rule was that where there were two competing foreign judgments each of which was pronounced by a court of competent jurisdiction and was final and not open to impeachment on any ground, then the earlier of them in time had to be recognised and given effect to the exclusion of the later.

At the same time it had to be kept in mind that there might be circumstances under which the party holding the earlier judgment might be estopped from relying on it...

If there were circumstances connected with the obtaining of the second judgment which made it unfair for the party founding on the first to seek to enforce it, then it might be proper to refuse to allow him to do so.

It was not alleged that there were any such circumstances in the present case.

The view that where there were competing foreign judgments the earlier judgment in time should receive effect found support from a consideration of the Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) (Jersey) Law 1960, which was for all practical purposes in identical terms to the Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933.

Further, it was of some significance to note that in the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters [scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982] there appeared a provision that a judgment of a contracting state should not be recognised if it was irreconcilable with an earlier judgment given in a non-contracting state involving the same cause of action and parties, provided the latter fulfilled the conditions for recognition in the state addressed.

Solicitors: Trowers & Hamlins for Crills, St Helier; Baker & Mackenzie for Mourant du Feu & Jeune, St Helier.

Extent of right to bail

Regina v Croydon Crown Court, Ex parte Lewis

Before Lord Justice Balcombe and Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment March 9]

Where a right to bail became available because of the expiry of a custody time limit then that right continued until arraignment and not until the commencement of trial.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application by Robin Jarrett Lewis for judicial review of a decision of Judge Lownie at Croydon Crown Court on February 11, 1994 to have him arraigned and to refuse an application for bail.

In the crown court, Mr Lewis had sought to rely on an interpretation of regulation 6(6) of the Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) Regulations (SI 1987 No 299) which would mean that bail would continue until trial. However, the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985, under which the regulations were made, applied only until arraignment.

Mr Michael Bowes for Mr Lewis; Mr Nigel M. Peters for the prosecution; the crown court did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said the case had been listed for hearing on December 20, 1993 but the applicant wished to quash certain counts in due course and so was not arraigned on that date.

No application was made to extend the custody time limit which expired on January 27, 1994. The applicant said he was entitled to bail when he came before the crown court for arraignment as regulation 6(6) of the 1987 Regulations purported to apply until appearance at trial.

Raymond v Honey ([1983] AC 1) established that subordinate legislation was to be construed so as not to be *ultra vires* the enabling Act.

It was perfectly possible to give regulation 6 of the 1987 Regulations a meaning not *ultra vires* the 1985 Act and the meaning the applicant contended for would bring it beyond the meaning Parliament intended.

Mr Justice Schiemann agreed.

Solicitors: Offenbach & Co; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Libel defendants entitled to medical records

Jackson v Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 17]

Defendants to a defamation action involving allegations concerning the appearance of the plaintiff were entitled to a stay of the action unless and until the plaintiff submitted to a medical examination on behalf of the defendants and the defendants' medical expert was entitled to discovery of relevant medical records provided they were in the care and control of the plaintiff's doctor.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing in part an appeal brought by the defendants, Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd and Richard Stott, the publisher and former editor of the *Daily Mirror*, against the refusal by Mr Justice Drake on February 5, 1993 and March 31, 1993 of (i) the defendants' application for a stay of an action brought by the plaintiff, Michael Jackson, unless and until he submitted to a medical examination carried out on behalf of the defendants and (ii) the defendants' application for discovery of various medical records.

Mr George Carman, QC and Miss Heather Rogers for the defendants; Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC and Mr Thomas Shields, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that in four issues of the *Daily Mirror* in June and July 1992 the defendants published articles accompanied with photographs about the plaintiff and his facial appearance.

The plaintiff alleged that the articles bore the meaning that his features had become hideously distorted and disfigured by plastic surgery in a quest for perfect looks; that to disguise a skin condition he kept out of the limelight and wore dark glasses and that he had banned close-up photographs.

The defendants denied the meanings, pleaded their own meanings and relied on the defences of justification and fair comment.

At the hearing of the summons for directions on February 5, Mr Justice Drake ordered, *inter alia*, that the defendants have leave to adduce two medical experts' reports and that the plaintiff have leave to adduce two medical experts' reports in reply.

On March 31, the defendants applied for leave to adduce expert evidence from a third medical witness; a stay unless and until the plaintiff submitted to a medical examination by the defendants' medical expert and discovery of the plaintiff's medical records. Mr Justice Drake refused the applications.

Mr Carman now submitted that the defendants were entitled to a medical examination of the plaintiff since if they were not, the plaintiff would have an opportunity to call his own medical experts giving the plaintiff an unfair advantage over the defendants.

His Lordship could see great force in Lord Williams's submission that the central issue for the jury to decide was whether the plaintiff's face was disfigured in the way the defendants alleged in their articles and that that was not a matter for expert medical witnesses.

However, his Lordship was troubled by the order of Mr Justice Drake on February 5 entitling the plaintiff to serve medical reports to which the defendants' experts could only respond on the basis of photographic evidence.

That put the defendants to an unfair disadvantage.

The defendants' experts were also unfairly constrained if they were to carry out a medical examination and submit a report without having any knowledge of, or access to the plaintiff's medical history.

Accordingly, it was right to grant a stay unless and until the plaintiff submitted to a medical examination by one of the defendant's medical experts to be carried out in proper lighting conditions and the plaintiff's medical expert was to deliver to the defendants the relevant medical history of the plaintiff, provided it was within his care and control.

Lord Justice Steyn delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Wright Webb Syrett; Simon Olswang & Co.

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Presumption unjustified in Community

Mund & Fester v Hatrex Internationaal Transport

Case C-398/92

Before G. F. Mancini, President of the Sixth Chamber and Judges C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General G. Tesauro

(Opinion December 16, 1993)

[Judgment February 10]

A presumption that enforcement of a judgment would be made impossible or substantially more difficult where it was to take place in a country other than that in which the enforcement order was sought was not justified where the enforcement was to take place in the territory of the member states of the Community.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a question referred to it by the *Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht* (Higher Regional Court), Hamburg, for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Proceedings had been brought by Mund & Fester, a German company, against Hatrex Internationaal Transport, an international carrier having its registered office in The Netherlands, for a seizure order against assets of Hatrex in Germany.

Hatrex had transported from Carsamba, Turkey, to Hamburg hazelnuts which were damaged in transit by moisture arising from failure to make the lorry transporting them watertight.

Mund & Fester, which had acquired rights by subrogation as the result of the transfer of the debt, claimed damages and, to ensure that the debt was recovered, lodged an application on June 23, 1992 at the *Landesgericht* (Regional Court), Hamburg, pursuant to paragraph 917 of the *Zivilprozessordnung* (German Code of Civil Procedure, "*ZPO*"), for a seizure order against the lorry belonging to Hatrex which had been used to carry the hazelnuts and which was still in Germany.

Paragraph 917 of the *ZPO* provided that the fact that judgment was to be enforced abroad was to be considered sufficient grounds for a seizure order.

By order of the same day the *Landesgericht* refused to authorise seizure. It considered that the grounds laid down in paragraph 917(2) of the *ZPO* did not exist because the judgment in question was to be enforced in a contracting state party to the Brussels Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters, as amended (OJ 1979 L299 p32).

Mund & Fester appealed against the order of the *Landesgericht* to the *Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht* claiming, *inter alia*, that the interpretation of paragraph 917(2) of the *ZPO* was not affected by the Brussels Convention.

Considering that judgment on the application for a seizure order depended on whether the grounds for seizure laid down in paragraph 917(2) of the *ZPO* existed where a judgment was to be enforced in The Netherlands, the *Hanseatisches Oberlandesgericht* decided to stay the proceedings and to refer a question to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling. In its judgment the European Court of Justice (Sixth Chamber) ruled as follows:

By its question, the national court asked essentially whether article 7 of the EEC Treaty, read in conjunction with article 220 of the Treaty and the Brussels Convention, precluded a national provision of civil procedure which, in the case of a judgment to be enforced within the national territory, authorised seizure only on the ground that it was probable that enforcement would otherwise be made impossible or substantially more difficult, but, in the case of a judgment to be enforced in another member state, authorised seizure simply on the ground that enforcement was to take place abroad.

In order to answer that question, it had first to be considered whether that provision fell within the ambit of the EEC Treaty.

The purpose of the fourth indent of article 220 of the EEC Treaty was to facilitate the working of the Common Market through the adoption of rules of jurisdiction for disputes relating thereto and through the elimination, as far as possible, of difficulties concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments in the territory of the contracting states.

It was on the basis of that article and within the framework defined by it that the member states had concluded the Brussels Convention. Consequently, the provisions of that Convention relating to jurisdiction and to the simplification of formalities concerning the recognition and enforcement of judgments and also the national provisions to which the Convention referred were linked to the EEC Treaty.

In this case, it had to be considered whether the national provision at issue in the main proceedings introduced discrimination on the ground of nationality prohibited by article 7 of the Treaty.

The Court had consistently held that that provision prohibited any discrimination on the ground of nationality within the field of application of the Treaty. The article forbade not only overt forms of discrimination based on nationality, but also all covert forms of discrimination which, by the application of other criteria of differentiation, led in fact to the same result.

The national provision at issue in the main proceedings entailed a covert form of discrimination.

While examination of paragraph 917(2) of the *ZPO* revealed no overt discrimination based on nationality, since it applied in all cases where a judgment was to be enforced abroad, even if the assets forming the subject of the seizure belonged to a German national, it was nevertheless the case that the latter situation was rare, the great majority of enforcements abroad being against persons who were not of German nationality or against legal persons not established in the Federal Republic of Germany. It followed that the national provision in question led in fact to the same result as discrimination based on nationality.

However, that finding was not sufficient to conclude that a provision such as that at issue in the main proceedings was incompatible with article 7 of the Treaty. For that it was also necessary that the provision in question should not be justified by objective circumstances.

In that connection, it was to be borne in mind that a seizure order guaranteed the creditor the opportunity of enforcing a subsequent judgment against the debtor effectively and within the prescribed time.

According to paragraph 917(1) of the *ZPO*, seizure was to be authorised where it was reasonable to fear, in the light of the circumstances of the case, that enforcement of the subsequent judgment would otherwise be made impossible or substantially more difficult.

By virtue of paragraph 917(2) of *ZPO*, such difficulties were presumed from the mere fact that enforcement was to take place in a state other than the Federal Republic of Germany.

While such a presumption was justified where the subsequent judgment was to be enforced in the territory of a non-member country, it was not justified where enforcement was to take place in the territory of the member states of the Community.

All those states were contracting parties to the Brussels Convention whose territories might be regarded as forming a single entity.

Consequently, although the conditions for enforcing judgments and the risks attached to the difficulties raised by enforcement were the same in all the member states, paragraph 917(2) of the *ZPO* in essence considered those risks and difficulties to be sure and certain solely because enforcement would take place in the territory of a member state other than Germany.

It followed that the national provision was not justified by objective circumstances.

On those grounds, the Court (Sixth Chamber) held:

Article 7 of the EEC Treaty, read in conjunction with article 220 of the Treaty and the Brussels Convention, precluded a national provision of civil procedure which, in the case of a judgment to be enforced within national territory, authorised seizure only on the ground that it was probable that enforcement would otherwise be made impossible or substantially more difficult, but, in the case of a judgment to be enforced in another member state, authorised seizure simply on the ground that enforcement was to take place abroad.

Organ grinder is not liable for VAT

Tolsma v Inspecteur der Omzetbelasting, Leeuwarden

Case C-16/93

Before G. F. Mancini, President of the Sixth Chamber, and Judges C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion January 20)

[Judgment March 3]

A supply of services was effected "for consideration" within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Sixth VAT Directive, and hence was taxable, only if there was a legal relationship between the provider of the service and the recipient in which the remuneration received by the provider constituted the value actually given in return for the service supplied to the recipient.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Sixth Chamber) so held in replying to questions referred to it by the Gerechtshof (Regional Court of Appeal) Leeuwarden on the interpretation of article 2(1) of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) of May 17, 1977 on the harmonization of the laws of the member states relating to turnover taxes — common system of value-added tax: uniform basis of assessment (OJ 1977 L145 p1) for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

It appeared from the case file that Mr Tolsma played a barrel organ on the public highway in The Netherlands. During his musical performance he offered passers-by a collecting tin for their donations. He also sometimes knocked on the doors of houses and shops to ask for donations but without being able to claim any remuneration by right.

In respect of the period from July 1 to September 30, 1991 Mr Tolsma had received from the *Inspecteur der Omzetbelasting* (inspector of turnover taxes) an assessment to tax on the aforesaid activity in the sum of HFl 1,805 by way of value added tax and HFl 180 by way of a surcharge for late payment.

Mr Tolsma's administrative complaint against the assessment was dismissed by the inspector and he brought proceedings before the Gerechtshof, Leeuwarden, which referred two questions to the Court of Justice.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice (Sixth Chamber) held as follows:

Article 2 of the Sixth Directive stated: "The following shall be subject to value added tax: 1 the supply of goods or services effected for consideration within the territory of the country by a taxable person acting as such..."

To interpret the term "supply of services effected for consideration" in that article, the article had to be seen in its context and account was to be taken of the other provisions of the Sixth Directive and also of the Court's case-law, including its decisions on the Second Council Directive (67/228/EEC) of April 11, 1967 on the harmonisation of legislation of member states concerning turnover taxes — structure and procedures for application of the common system of value added tax (OJ English Special Edition 1967 p16), which had the same objectives as the Sixth Directive and was replaced by that directive.

The Court had already held with reference to the concept of the "provision of services against payment" in article 2(a) of the Second Directive, whose wording was similar to that of article 2(1) of the Sixth Directive, that taxable transactions, within the framework of the VAT system, presupposed the existence of a transaction between the parties in which a price or consideration was stipulated.

The Court concluded that, where a person's activity consisted exclusively in providing services for no direct consideration, there was no basis of assessment and the services were therefore not subject to VAT.

The Court had also stated that the basis of assessment for a provision of services was everything which made up the consideration for the service and that a provision of services was therefore taxable only if there was a direct link between the service provided and the consideration received.

It followed that a supply of services was effected "for consideration" within the meaning of article 2(1) of the Sixth Directive, and hence was taxable, only if there was a legal relationship between the provider of the service and the recipient pursuant to which there was reciprocal performance, the remuneration received by the provider of the service constituting the value actually given in return for the service supplied to the recipient.

In a case such as that which was the subject of the Dutch proceedings, it was clear that those conditions were not fulfilled.

If a musician who performed on the public highway received donations from passers-by, those receipts could not be regarded as the consideration for a service supplied to them.

First, there was no agreement between the parties, since the passers-by voluntarily made a donation, whose amount they determined as they wish.

Second, there was no necessary link between the musical service and the payments to which it gave rise. The passers-by did not request music to be played for them; moreover, they paid sums which depended not on the musical service but on subjective motives which might bring feelings of sympathy into play. Indeed some persons placed money, sometimes a considerable sum, in the musician's collecting tin without lingering, whereas others listened to the music for some time without making any donation at all.

The fact that the musician played in public with a view to collecting money and actually received certain sums in so doing was of no relevance for the purpose of determining whether the activity in question constituted a supply of services for consideration within the meaning of the Sixth Directive.

That interpretation was not affected by the fact that a musician such as Mr Tolsma solicited money and could in fact expect to receive money by playing music on the public highway. The payments were entirely voluntary and uncertain and the amount was practically impossible to determine.

On those grounds, the European Court (Sixth Chamber) ruled:

Article 2(1) of the Sixth Directive was to be interpreted as meaning that the "supply of services effected for consideration" within the meaning of that provision did not include an activity consisting in playing music on the public highway, for which no remuneration was stipulated, even if the musician solicited money and received sums whose amount was however neither quantified nor quantifiable.

Previous EC employment is relevant

Ingetraut Scholz v Opera Universitaria di Cagliari and Another

Case C-419/92

Before O. Due, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and M. Diez de Velasco, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Zuleeg, P. J. G. Kapteyn and J. L. Murray

Advocate General F. G. Jacobs

(Opinion December 15, 1993)

[Judgment February 23]

A refusal to take into consideration previous employment in the public service of another member state in recruitment for posts in the public service of the host state, where credit was given for such previous experience, constituted unjustified indirect discrimination.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to a question referred to it by the *Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale per la Sardegna* (Regional Administrative Court for Sardinia) for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty on the interpretation of articles 7 and 48 of the EEC Treaty and articles 1 and 3 of Council Regulations (EEC) No 1612/68 of October 15, 1968 on freedom of movement of workers within the Community (OJ English Special Edition 1968 (II) p475).

The plaintiff in the main proceedings, who was of German origin and had acquired Italian nationality by marriage, brought an action challenging her place on the list drawn up following a competition for recruiting canteen staff for posts at the University of Cagliari, in which she alleged that it was unlawful for the selection board to refuse to take into account, in accordance with the notice of competition, her previous employment in the German post office before her marriage.

The notice of competition provided, in particular, for the award, with a view to drawing up the list of successful candidates, of a number of points in respect of qualifications and experience. It did not contain any details as to what type of previous experience was relevant.

The *Tribunale Amministrativo Regionale* accordingly stayed the proceedings and submitted a question to the Court for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment, the Court of Justice of the European Communities ruled as follows:

Article 7 of the Treaty, which prohibited any discrimination on the ground of nationality, did not apply independently where the Treaty laid down, as it did in article 48(2) in relation to the free movement of workers, a specific prohibition of discrimination.

In addition, articles 1 and 3 of Regulation No 1612/68 merely clarified and gave effect to the rights already conferred by article 48 of the Treaty. Accordingly, that provision alone was relevant to this case.

The Court had consistently held that article 48 of the Treaty prohibited not only overt discrimination by reason of nationality but also all covert forms of discrimination which, by the application of other distinguishing criteria, led in fact to the same result.

In this case, it was to be noted first of all that the fact that the plaintiff in the main proceedings had acquired Italian nationality had no bearing on the application of the principle of non-discrimination.

Any Community national who, irrespective of his place of residence and his nationality, had exercised the right to freedom of movement for workers and who had been employed in another Member State, fell within the scope of the aforesaid provisions.

Next, it was to be noted that the rules governing the competition in question made provision for taking account, in drawing up the list of successful candidates, of previous periods of employment completed in the public service, without specifying that such employment had to be connected with the duties of canteen staff.

Finally, it had to be stated that the refusal to take into consideration the plaintiff's employment in the public service of another member state, for the purposes of the award of the additional points provided for, in order to determine her place on the list, constituted unjustified indirect discrimination.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

Article 48 of the EEC Treaty was to be interpreted as meaning that, where a public body of a member state, in recruiting staff for posts which did not fall within the scope of article 48(4) of the Treaty, provided for account to be taken of candidates' previous employment in the public service, that body might not, in relation to Community nationals, make a distinction according to whether such employment was in the public service of that particular state or in the public service of another member state.

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Schumacher's arrival sees new dawn


Schumacher: victor

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SÃO PAULO

IT COULD be the beginning of a beautiful rivalry, the kind that will have Formula One motor racing's movers and shakers clasping their hands together in thanks for deliverance. Just when another season of dominance by one driver, Ayrton Senna, beckoned, Michael Schumacher beat him against the odds in the opening race of the season in Brazil on Sunday to herald the dawn of what looks like being a classic contest between the two.

All the ingredients are there: Senna, the veteran, the legend, the three-times world champion against Schumacher, the driver who has won only three races, the charger made in the mould of his adversary yet still possessing the youth and irrepressible enthusiasm the Brazilian is losing. Benetton, grand prix racing's surging *arrivistes*, may have the advantage to begin with, but Williams, the epitome of traditional professionalism, will fight back as their car develops and Senna slaves.

If that is not enough, the Jordan driver, Eddie Irvine, from Northern Ireland, is showing early signs of developing a spellbinding cameo act. He became a controversial figure after his altercation with Senna after the Japanese Grand Prix last season. On Sunday, he was fined $10,000 (about £6,850) and banned from the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida, Japan, next month because of his part in a spectacular four-car collision that ended the races of Martin Brundle, in his McLaren-Peugeot, Eric Bernard, in the Ligier-Renault, and Jos Verstappen, who became a flying Dutchman literally when his Benetton-Ford collided with Irvine and cartwheeled across the track.

DRIVERS: 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 10pts; 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 6; 3, J- Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 4; 4, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan-Hart, 3; 5, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 2; 6, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber-Mercedes Benz, 1.
CONSTRUCTORS: 1, Benetton-Ford 10; 2, Williams-Renault 6; 3, Ferrari 4; 4, Jordan-Hart 3; 5, Tyrrell-Yamaha 2; 6, Sauber-Mercedes Benz 1.

"What a start to my grand prix career," Irvine said. "I get punched by Senna in my first race, crash in my second, destroy four cars in my third and get banned from my fourth. People are going to think I'm some kind of nutter.

"But I really don't know what else I could have done. Brundle slowed down because his car was finished so Bernard lifted off the accelerator 120 metres before he should have done. I was going at 200mph about six feet behind him when that happened."

Eddie Jordan, the team owner, had a fraught weekend, suffering Irvine's punishment and then launching an unsuccessful protest against the configuration of Schumacher's car. He still saw the funny side. "The day I set eyes on Irvine was the worst day of my life," he said. "He is a walking disaster area but we have appealed against his punishment and we are confident that will be upheld."

The closeness of the race between Schumacher and Senna was a vindication of the rules changes introduced by the international motor sport federation, FIA. Refuelling made the pit stops longer and allowed a little more scope for race strategy. The return to passive suspension and the abandonment of traction control also found approval from the drivers.

Optimism is growing that the new season will become the first real contest since Senna pipped Alain Prost in 1990. "I am not surprised that Williams's superiority is not so great any more," Senna said. "In 1992, Mansell had a car that had a big advantage, last year Prost's advantage was less and now mine is even smaller."

Damon Hill, Senna's Williams-Renault colleague, who inherited second place behind Schumacher when the Brazilian spun off on the 56th lap, added: "We knew Benetton were going to be close," he said. "But we did not want them to be that close."

Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, was less circumspect. "Benetton blew us away. We did not need geeing up but this shows us what we have to do."

Flavio Briatore, Benetton's managing director, had few words of comfort, saying: "If Michael can beat Senna in Brazil, he can beat him anywhere."

Lomas sparkles as England triumph

THREE more wins for Lisa Lomas provided the backbone of England's 4-1 win over Holland to ensure their best result in the European table tennis championships for 14 years at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham yesterday (Richard Eaton writes). It put the women through to the semi-finals and thus made it the first time since 1980 that both England women's and men's teams would win medals. Lomas outplayed Melisa Muller 21-6, 21-14, comfortably won the doubles with Andrea Holt, and then belied her reputation as a defender by unleashing some fiery loops and counter-hits to complete England's winning lead with a 21-11, 21-14 victory over Gerdie Keen.

The other success came from Holt, although she was still handicapped by a stomach infection. The England men, already assured of a semi-final place, gave Andrew Eden a European championship debut, rested Carl Prean and Chen Xinhua, and lost 4-0 to France. England, who were second in their group, play the title-holders and world champions, Sweden, today for a place in the final.

Racers may appeal

ICE HOCKEY: The threat of legal proceedings continues to bedevil the British championship play-offs, and the draw could be thrown into chaos if Murrayfield Racers go ahead with their appeal against the docking of five points for exceeding the wage-capping limit (Norman de Mesquita writes). In the meantime, Cardiff Devils, Nottingham Panthers, Durham Wasps and Whitley Warriors are in one group and Sheffield Steelers, Fife Flyers, Humberside Hawks and Murrayfield are in the other. The top two in each group qualify for next month's semi-finals at Wembley. Cardiff, Nottingham, Fife and Murrayfield are the most likely qualifiers.

Bedford leaves BAF

ATHLETICS: David Bedford, chairman of the British Athletic Federation's (BAF) drugs advisory group, has resigned from the post (David Powell writes). Bedford, the former 10,000 metres world record-holder, has thus severed his connection with the BAF. Ten days ago he was ousted as secretary at the annual meeting. He has been on the drugs advisory group for six years and resigned last week. "My interest in athletics is wider than just the important issue of drug control and I felt uncomfortable being seen as working in that one area," Bedford said yesterday.

World Cup doubts

SWIMMING: The sport's world calendar will be thrown into turmoil if plans being considered by Fina, the international governing body, to host the world long-course championships every two years, instead of four, are adopted this summer. The future of the world cup is also in doubt, with Fina and the committee of coaches and managers who jointly organise the competition at loggerheads. They were in Paris at the weekend at the final round of the winter short-course season. The proposals for a two-year cycle will go before Fina members in Rome in September.

Crusaders taken over

RUGBY LEAGUE: London Crusaders, the impoverished southern outpost of the professional code, is finally a part of the growing Brisbane Broncos empire. The leading Australian club has taken over all assets and liabilities after overcoming several hitches in a deal that leaves only the question of where they will play from next season. Queens Park Rangers, Chelsea and even Wembley have been sounded out, so far unsuccessfully. Crowds of 600 at the Copthall Stadium in Barnet have been a severe disappointment since the club moved from Crystal Palace last year.

Oxford continue trend

GOLF: Oxford won eight of the ten singles on the second and final day of the University match at Rye at the weekend to complete a 13-2 victory over Cambridge. It is believed by Oxbridge statisticians to be a record-winning margin. Mark Williamson, the Cambridge captain, defeated Richard Sanders, his opposite number, 2 and 1, but from then on things got steadily worse for Cambridge, who were trying to reverse a recent trend that had seen Oxford win the previous two matches after five consecutive victories by Cambridge.

Norman sets standard of unparalleled excellence

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

IN 1894, three men started to dominate golf. James Braid, J.H. Taylor and Harry Vardon were The Great Triumvirate and they reigned until 1914. In 1994, three men are dominating professional golf once again and, in their relentless race for superiority, they are taking the old game to new levels.

Greg Norman is the leader, the man in form. The Australian won the Players' Championship here on Sunday with a well nigh perfect display of golf that included only one bogey. "In my 20 years on tour I don't think I've seen a player play as consistently well over 72 holes," Fuzzy Zoeller, who finished second, said.

Pushing Norman hard is Nick Faldo, whose five victories in major championships from July 1987 to July 1992 was a better record than any of his rivals. Faldo has become a byword for technical perfection, forever fine-tuning his game. He maintained his ranking as the No 1 player in the world for a record 81 successive weeks until Norman displaced him in February.

The third member of this modern triumvirate is the Zimbabwe-born Nick Price, who has been the most successful player in the world since August 1992. Starting at the US PGA that year, Price has had 12 victories, 40 finishes in the top ten and banked more than $5 million. He was the US PGA Tour player of the year in 1993.

"It used to be that there was always something wrong with our games," Faldo said recently. "We could never get it all right. That has changed in the past couple of years. Guys go out and drive well, hit their irons well, putt well. A lot of times we play now, the guys get it spot on."

This improvement in standard first became noticeable in the Open at Sandwich last July, which Norman won with an astounding final round of 64. "We all took each other up to a new level at Royal St George's," Norman said. "The Open will go down in my memory as one of the greatest golf tournaments ever played because all the top players in the world, regardless of their ranking, were on song. You don't see that very often.

"The beauty of St George's was that the moment we teed off we were all right there ready to play," Norman continued. "I haven't played too many golf championships like that. That was the great thing about that Open."

The result is scoring such as has rarely, if ever, been seen and rarely, if ever, in such a short span of time. Norman was 15 under par in the Open at St George's, Azinger 12 under when winning the US PGA at Toledo. Faldo was an aggregate of 24 under par for these two major championships and he did not win either.

To prove these were not two fluke results, Norman has carried on in 1994 as he left off in 1993. The effect is he is pulling those in his wake to new levels. He was 24 under par here at Jacksonville, shattering the previous tournament record by six strokes. Zoeller also beat the tournament record, as did Jeff Maggert, who was third.

Norman's performance on Sunday capped an astonishing run in which he has had five victories and 11 top ten finishes in his past 18 events. "I used Royal St George's to a huge advantage today," Norman said after his victory. "On the last day there I played with control, concentration, focus and dedication. I did that here for the last two days. Royal St George's was a great help to me."

Norman, 39, is the oldest of the three rivals and, at present, the most successful. He is playing better because he is thinking better. Faldo, 37 this July, is the youngest. He was born six months after Price. Between them, they are dominating the game.

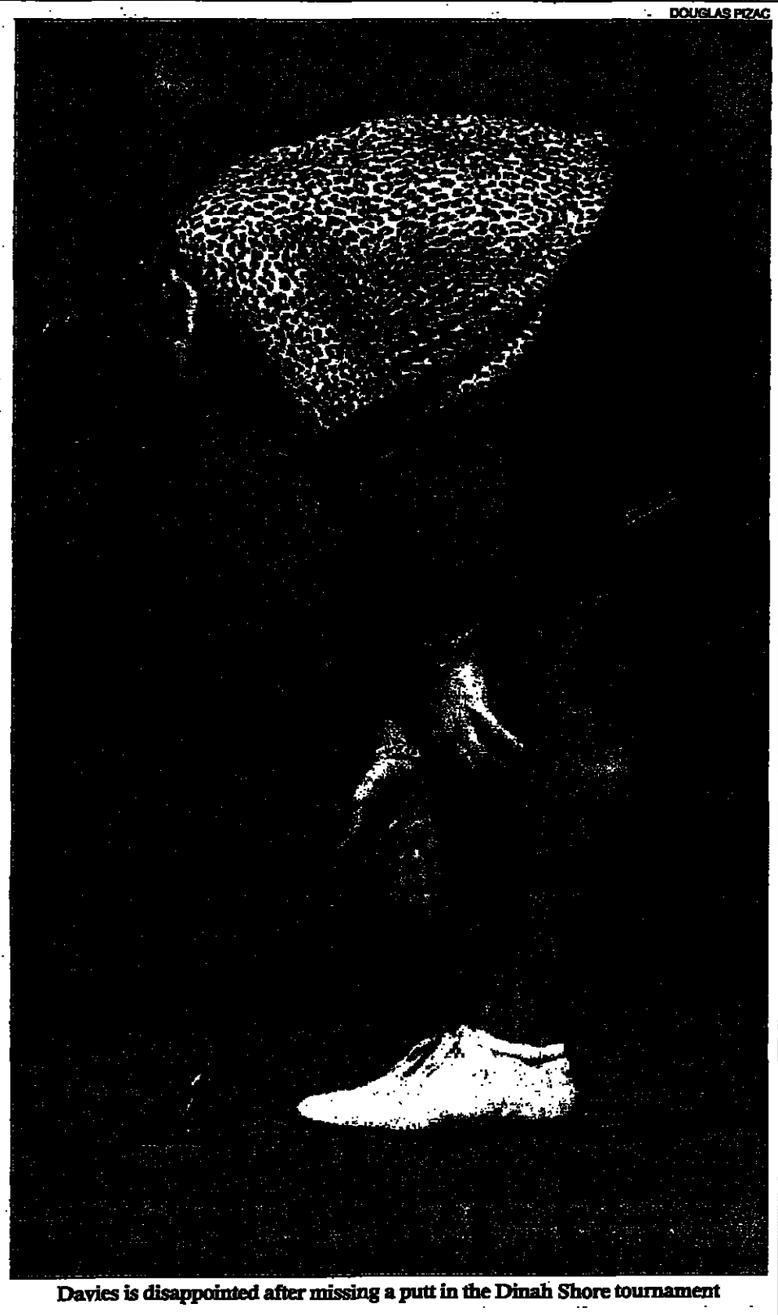
"Nick [Faldo] has taken me to a new level," Norman said. "Nick [Price] has taken me to a new level." Where will it end and when? It is going to be fun finding out.

FINAL ROUND (US unless stated): 284: G Norman (Aus) 65, 67, 87, 67. 285: F Zoeller 66, 67, 68, 67. 271: J Maggert 65, 69, 69, 68. 278: H Irwin 67, 70, 70, 69. 277: N Faldo (GB) 67, 69, 68, 73. 278: S Lowery 65, 74, 69, 67; B Fasco 68, 68, 70, 72; D Love 68, 68, 70, 74. 279: N Henke 73, 69, 69, 68; C Montgomerie (GB) 65, 73, 71, 70; T Kite 65, 71, 70, 73; G Hallberg 68, 69, 69, 73.

280: M Springer 68, 68, 72, 72. 281: T Watson 71, 72, 71, 67; J M Olazabal (Sp) 69, 69, 73, 70; L Roberts 68, 71, 71, 71; D Barr (Can) 68, 69, 72, 72; C Parry (Aus), 69, 68, 73, 73. Other scores: 284: B Langer (Ger) 74 68 70 72. 291: A Lyle (GB) 71, 72, 71, 77.

WORLD RANKINGS (US unless stated): 1, G Norman (Aus) 21.77pts; 2, N Faldo (GB) 19.29; 3, N Price (Zim) 17.35; 4, B Langer (Ger) 16.97; 5, F Couples 15.23; 6, P Azinger 13.28; 7, D Frost (SA) 10.69; 8, I Woosnam (GB) 10.38; 9, C Pavin 10.62; 10, M Ozaki (Japan) 9.40; 11, J M Olazabal (Sp) 9.17; 12, C Montgomerie (GB) 9.14; 13, D Love III 8.89; 14, T Kite 8.87; 15, P Stewart 8.42; 16, E Els (SA) 8.23; 17, V Singh (Fiji) 8.05; 18, F Zoeller 7.65; 19, M McNulty (Zim) 7.60; 20, J Cook 6.80.

DOUGLAS PIZAC


Davies is disappointed after missing a putt in the Dinah Shore tournament

Davies fails on final hole

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA

DONNA Andrews had no sense of anti-climax. She had just won the Nabisco Dinah Shore, women's golf's equivalent to the Masters, and was so euphoric she followed the crowd's injunction and jumped into the lake at the last hole. Laura Davies might have taken the plunge, too, but she would have wanted to stay under for a long time.

There is no tournament the Englishwoman would rather win than the Dinah, and at Mission Hills on Sunday, she let it slip away. One stroke clear playing the last hole, a 526-yard showcase for her long-hitting talents, Davies decided the breeze was too strong to allow her to reach the green in two.

It was undoubtedly the right decision, but Andrews, an accurate driver who had slipped behind with a bogey four at the 17th, reckoned it worked in her favour. She was proved correct.

Davies hit a poor four-iron off the tee, to the right behind the trees, and from then on she was struggling, even though her two-iron second shot left her a reasonable eight-iron to the green. She was disgusted with it as soon as she hit it and it finished 45-odd feet left of the pin, leaving her a difficult putt, first uphill, then fast down.

Andrews, who had won in Tucson two weeks before, sensed a play-off at least and fired a great six-iron to within six feet of the pin. When Davies left her first putt eight feet short and missed the next one, the American seized her chance and rammed the putt into the hole.

Davies looked a lonely, isolated figure as she tapped in for a six. She finished with a 70, the same as Andrews but her total of 277, 11 under par, was one too many. She pocketed a cheque for just over $65,000 (about £43,000), which took her top of the money-list with $218,220. On the disappointment scale, Davies candidly rated this a ten. "I blew it," she said.

FINAL ROUND (US unless stated): 278: D Andrews 70, 68, 67, 70. 277: L Davies (GB) 70, 68, 69, 70. 279: T Green 70, 72, 69, 68. 280: J Stephenson (Aus) 70, 69, 70, 71. 281: M McGann 70, 68, 70, 73. 282: G Graham (Can) 73, 71, 71, 68; K Robbins 73, 70, 69, 71; B Burton 73, 73, 65, 72. 284: H Stacy 72, 72, 70, 70; N Lopez 68, 72, 73, 71. Other scores: 285: L Neumann (Swe) 76, 71, 68, 70. 292: T Johnson (GB) 77, 70, 71, 74. 298: S Strudwick (GB) 76, 72, 71, 74; H Alfredsson (Swe) 76, 72, 71, 74. 299: P Wright (GB) 74, 76, 72, 77. 307: A-M Palli (Fr) 76, 74, 77, 80.

Change in routine helps Davis to regain lost ground

BY PHIL YATES

GOING back to basics may not be the most popular government policy, but by doing just that, Steve Davis has put himself in a strong position to break Ray Reardon's modern snooker record of six world championship victories at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, next month.

Davis offered further proof that he is a realistic contender for a title he last captured in 1989 by beating Alan McManus 9-8 in the final of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Co. Kildare, on Sunday.

Remarkably, it was his eighth triumph in the event since 1983 and the 69th tournament win of his professional career.

Davis, who is also back on top of the provisional world rankings, has enjoyed a consistent season, during which his zest for competition has never been more apparent. A change in his practice routine over the last year could provide a clue to his rejuvenation.

Recently he has taken to sharing his preparation with a variety of "sparring partners". "They keep me sharp and it's helping me enjoy my snooker," Davis said.

"I'm savouring every win. Every year I can continue winning tournaments is a better achievement than before because I am getting older and the opposition is becoming more formidable all the time." Davis will celebrate his 37th birthday in August.

Technique and temperament, in addition to self-belief, were important factors in his fourth victory over McManus this season. Davis led 4-0 and 7-4, after including runs of 105 and 101, but McManus, winner of the Masters at Wembley in early February, fought back to edge 8-7 ahead.

Players of lesser experience and with weaker resolve than Davis would have been unable to respond. He won the sixteenth frame on the green before initiating a break of 69 in the decider with the type of long red that was his trump card in the Eighties. Davis collected a first prize of £48,000.

The match, which finished as midnight was fast approaching, must have sapped Davis's reserves of mental energy. However, Davis, who begins the defence of his British Open title in Plymouth on Thursday, discounts any possibility of burn-out.

This season he has reached at least the quarter-finals of all seven ranking events.

RESULT: Final: S Davis (Eng) bt A McManus (Scot) 9-8. Frame scores (Davis first): 89-1, 72-30, 80-0, 105-0, 9-94, 12-122, 69-50, 102-9, 37-99, 82-72, 75-9, 19-64, 18-111, 0-118, 9-79, 89-40, 77-39.

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	55	150	good	spring	slush	sun	6	26/3
Typical spring conditions with 95 per cent of pistes open								
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	30	110	good	varied	slush	fine	5	26/3
Good spring skiing with all runs open								
Schladming	0	90	fair	varied	closed	sun	22	27/3
Good skiing on firm pistes first thing								
FRANCE								
Avoriaz	130	170	fair	heavy	slushy	cloud	7	26/3
Spring conditions with afternoon slush								
Chamonix	10	385	icy	varied	poor	cloud	8	26/3
All pistes icy first thing								
Isola	40	100	slushy	heavy	slushy	fair	4	1/3
Spring conditions but cover still good								
Val d'Isère	80	110	good	varied	fair	cloud	6	26/3
Icy snow first thing, soft later								
Val Thorens	80	250	good	heavy	fair	cloud	8	26/3
Snow good on north-facing slopes								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	70	85	good	spring	slush	fine	8	26/3
All pistes open and well covered								
C Montana	10	100	fair	varied	closed	fair	8	26/3
Good skiing on Col du Pochet and glacier								
Mürren	20	160	good	varied	poor	cloud	8	26/3
Very good skiing on Birg and Schilthorn								
Verbier	5	300	good	varied	fair	cloud	8	26/3
Good skiing before lunch								
Wengen	0	60	fair	varied	closed	cloud	9	26/3
Still good piste skiing available on upper slopes								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.



England cubs show lion's heart



DAVID MILLER
At Port of Spain

Having opted to be in Port of Spain, rather than at Wembley for the Coca-Cola Cup final, it was unexpected on Sunday still to be greeted by the cheerful chant of "here we go". English cricket is momentarily enjoying an unaccustomed note of optimism.

The young lions of England's Test team — seemingly cubs until four days ago — are just discovering, and relishing, the realities of life at the top. Andrew Caddick, Mark Ramprakash, Ian Salisbury and Graham Thorpe have suddenly grown up; and the consequence is that England are locked into their most exciting Test encounter in recent memory.

Caddick is 25, the other three a year younger. Two generations ago, they would have known from their earliest teenage years that life is hard, that nothing worthwhile is achieved without immense hard work. In today's softened society, it tends to take longer to find out.

"Caddick and Salisbury are just coming of age," Keith Fletcher, the manager, reflected after the third day of the third Test match, with England's bowlers having reduced West Indies to 143 for five, a lead of only 67. "These days, it takes our domestic players longer to realise the difference from the county game. Caddick hadn't measured this. Hopefully the four-day game over the next few years will toughen them up."

On a long, arduous and sultry day, at the start of which England, thanks to Salisbury's tailend defiance with the bat, had extended the first innings lead to 76, it required maximum will-power to maintain concentration. Caddick's late afternoon spell of eight overs was one of the critical phases of a match that has fascinatingly hung in the balance throughout.

Caddick's end of day figures of three for 27 included breaking the worrying fourth-wicket partnership of 80 between Arthurton and Adams, never mind that Arthurton got out when impetuously hooking at a bouncer. Caddick's economic accuracy, his rhythm finding plenty of lift, had earned that moment. The fifth-wicket dismissal, however, of Adams was fortuitous for England, Salisbury's loose full toss inviting a massive pull which cannoned off Smith at backward short leg and up into the grateful hands of Russell.

"Salisbury's best bowling was in the first innings," Fletcher said on Sunday. "Today, they came at him and his length was less consistent, though there was a very difficult stumping chance which could have made a difference." Fletcher and Mike Atherton discussed over tea whether to bring on Salisbury again afterwards in the attempt to separate Arthurton and Adams, but considered the pace men had more chance.

"We've bowled a lot better in this match," Fletcher said. "We thought the pitch would give us a chance, would keep the score down and help us. Ambrose and Walsh can get something from any pitch. We've included Salisbury not just for this moment, but for the years ahead, hoping he'll develop into a Test-match player. It's the same with Ramprakash and Thorpe."

Fletcher pointed to the comparative ease of bringing unestablished players into a settled team as opposed to England's present uncertain side; to the fact that it would be more comfortable for Thorpe to be included in an established batting order.

"We haven't had that," Fletcher said. "Yet Thorpe, in only five Tests, has scored 100 and now 86. How many Tests, I wonder, did Bobby Simpson need to do that?"

He thinks any target above 150 in the fourth innings will be hard, and is anything but over-confident against opponents who have not lost a Test series, under Lloyd, Richards and now Richardson, for 14 years.

The manager is pleased with the captain: tough, on and off the field, tactically sound, developing with experience. A thin line divides success and failure, and if West Indies undeniably have talent-advantage, Atherton has narrowed the gap in morale. You suspect that he and Ray Illingworth, despite the difference in age, will talk the same language.

Hong Kong provides global stage of stature

David Hands, rugby correspondent, on the contribution of the annual sevens tournament to the game's good health

Will Kevin marry Fiona? This is not a story-line from a soap opera but one of the few questions that remained unanswered amid the array of statistics, tries, winners and losers which, along with gallons of beer, make up the annual extravaganza of the Hong Kong sevens tournament.

Hong Kong remains, if you like, the conscience of the game, a reminder of the skills of running and passing, a stage for the have-nots to strut their stuff. Success or failure at a sevens tournament, however prestigious, carries only limited significance for the established nations, but to those who yearn to stand on the same stage it is a magnet.

Witness Portugal, finalists in the Hong Kong bowl in their first year of entry, or South Korea, whose joy at winning the plate was overwhelming. The sevens have brought Papua New Guinea to Hong Kong where, today and Thursday, the two unions will play their first 15-a-side internationals.

In the women's match that preceded the tournament, a former Loughborough University student, Katie Rhymer, scored the first try in the rebuilt Hong Kong Stadium. Handling is the name of the women's game and that basic skill, so frequently neglected in international rugby, was burnished anew on Sunday when the top sevens teams contested the trophies.

Not that all is well with the abbreviated game. The relaid playing surface was poor and the standard of refereeing was equally uneven. The tackle law was applied with inconsistency; high tackles have become part of the game and one day a player will be seriously damaged by a wild, high lunge.

Lack of an offside line is stifling sevens as much as offside is fifteens. Any team seeking to move the ball at less than breakneck speed may find two or three opponents standing among its own players because there are few genuine loose scrums and thus no line of offside; that puts a premium on size and strength.

It is an aspect of the game which may be addressed by the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) this week although, as David Campese said: "If you bring in too many rules you destroy the game. It doesn't matter what rules you bring in, the players will find a way round them." Campese, the Australian wing in his final year at Hong Kong after a decade of being the player the crowd loves to boo, puts a finger on one of the game's weaknesses.

There are too many rules, too many interpretations, too many attempts to cover every eventuality. Again, the IRFB laws in plain English, to be published later this year, may prove helpful, although clearly the laws must provide a framework, however many players are on the field.

While the southern-hemisphere countries plot a careful route to Hong Kong, teams from the five nations take it on spec and, accordingly, seldom proceed past the quarter-finals. That remains their privilege and while Hong Kong officials may grumble, the unalterable fact is that what suits their side of the world does not suit many in the north.

It is beginning not to suit Australia either, judging by the lack of support from New South Wales for the sevens. While Campese took his individual route, his state colleagues were in New Zealand, preparing for the Super Ten tournament.

New Zealand, the winners, now seek players with specific sevens skills, on the basis that those skills will not hinder a career in the 15-a-side game, whereas many of those who play the conventional game well will not make it in sevens. One who does, Glen Osborne, from North Harbour, the leading points scorer in the tournament, received the best and fairest player award.

Meanwhile, what of Kevin and Fiona? The screen flashed the message on Saturday: "Kevin, I will only marry you if Hong Kong win, Fiona." They won the bowl. Is that enough for matrimony? I think we should be told. After all sevens, as Campese consistently reminds us, is meant to be fun.

South Africa show little urgency in unambitious crawl

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN DURBAN

BARRING a startling batting collapse by Australia, the third Test match will be left drawn here at Kingsmead today having done disappointingly little to promote the most prestigious form of the game. South Africa are 64 runs ahead, but Australia still have eight second-innings wickets standing and there is only one day left.

There was a time on Sunday when, with the Australians in one of their grumpier moods, I became keener than I should have done for South Africa to win. But the longer South Africa batted, the stodgier they got. Their thinking was that Australia, batting a second time, would lie down and die, much as South Africa themselves did in the Second Test match, if confronted by a large enough deficit. They seemed oblivious of the clock.

In the end, South Africa led by 153 runs, and when Australia began their second innings there was barely a day and a half left for play. The pieces were nearly in place for the stalemate that the sides had appeared to be carefully constructing. By close of play they still were, though Australia had not had the easiest of passages.

Slater was dropped in the gully before he had scored, off de Villiers, a perfectly catchable chance, and when the tide came in, the ball moved about enough for Taylor and Boon to be lost, the latter to a fine redeeming gully catch by Peter Kirsten. I know better than to say that I will eat my hat if South Africa go on to win, but it will be remarkable if they do and more than their batting deserved.

The statistics of South Africa's innings speak for themselves. They made 422 in 832 minutes (206.4 overs) — from 11.10 on the second morning to 1.35 on the fourth afternoon. Only Hudson and Rhodes batted with anything other than exaggerated caution. McMillan took 90 minutes making the last seven of his 84 runs; he batted, all told, for five hours ten minutes (223 balls). In the first hour yesterday, although South Africa were already well in the lead, Richardson made two.

Two old maids would have run more imaginatively between the wickets than McMillan and Richardson in their seventh-wicket partnership of 143. The last four wickets fell in 20 minutes without, even then, any attempt being made to steal the odd single.

It was almost more than Graeme Pollock and Barry Richards, who have both been on the ground during the match, could bear to watch, simply because it was poor cricket.

From the very first ball yesterday it was clear that Australia had abandoned, for the moment anyway, all thoughts of winning. McDermott bowled the opening over to an entirely protective field, without so much as a slip. He is returning home at the end of the match to have a knee attended to. England's, it seems, are not the only fast bowlers who should never travel without at least two pairs of crutches.

When Warne had first seen the pitch he had looked forward to bowling on it, believing that it would give him more bounce than there was in the first two Tests. But the wish was father to the thought. It has become much the same as the others, and the South Africans have made such a study of Warne, his wares and his wiles, that they mostly have their own survival kit against him. He had to wait until his 53rd over for his third wicket, which meant that Australia, tightly as they bowled and fielded, were seriously short of firepower.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 269 (S R Waugh 64, I A Healy 55; C R Matthews 4 for 65).

Second Innings

M A Taylor lbw b de Villiers	12
M J Slater not out	56
D C Boon c P N Kirsten b Donald	12
S K Warne not out	4
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (2 wkts)	89

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-81

BOWLING: Donald 10-3-23-1; de Villiers 15-5-30-1, McMillan 8-4-14-0; Matthews 8-4-6-0; Cronje 5-2-13-0.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson lbw b Reiffel	65
G Kirsten c Healy b Reiffel	41
W J Cronje c S R Waugh b Warne	26
*K C Wessels lbw b McDermott	1
P N Kirsten lbw b S R Waugh	49
J N Rhodes lbw b Warne	78
B M McMillan c Slater b S R Waugh	84
†D J Richardson c Reiffel b Warne	59
C R Matthews lbw b Warne	1
P S de Villiers lbw b S R Waugh	0
A A Donald not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 10, nb 5)	18
Total	422

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-100, 2-117, 3-118, 4-155, 5-256, 6-274, 7-417, 8-422, 9-422.

BOWLING: McDermott 38-11-76-1, Reiffel 30-7-77-2; McGrath 41-11-78-0; Warne 55-20-92-4; S R Waugh 27.2-12-40-3; M E Waugh 11-3-38-0; Border 3-0-8-0.

Umpires: C Mitchley (South Africa) and Mahboob Shah (Pakistan)



McDermott finds the going hard in his last match before knee surgery

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NICE: France: Half-marathon: 1, M Lachal (Mor) 1hr 4min 22sec, 2, J Mukundi (Ken) 1.4 52, 3, K Lahrir (Mor) 1:5.43.

BADMINTON

PARIS: French Open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: R Liljequist (Fin) bt R Magnusson (Swe) 15-7, 15-2; Sun Jun (China) bt H Bengtsson (Swe) 15-8, 15-5. Final: Sun Jun bt Liljequist 15-1, 18-17, 15-2. Women's singles: Semi-finals: Liu Yuhong (China) bt M Hoogland (Hol) 11-8, 11-1; Zhang Ning (China) bt L Thomsen (Den) 11-0, 11-3. Final: Zhang Ning bt Liu Yuhong 7-11, 11-7, 11-7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 111 Orlando 90; Boston 124 Philadelphia 122 (OT), Cleveland 111 Detroit 89, Phoenix 113 Houston 86; LA Lakers 110 Milwaukee 101; San Antonio 107 Portland 95.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
* New York	49	19	.721	—
Orlando	40	28	.588	9
Miami	37	31	.544	12
New Jersey	36	31	.537	12½
Boston	34	42	.354	24
Philadelphia	21	48	.304	28½
Washington	19	49	.279	30

Central division

* Atlanta	48	20	.706	—
Chicago	45	24	.652	3½
Cleveland	39	30	.565	9½
Indiana	35	32	.522	12½
Charlotte	31	35	.463	16½
Detroit	19	49	.279	29
Milwaukee	18	50	.265	30

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division

* Houston	48	19	.716	—
* San Antonio	46	20	.710	—
Utah	44	26	.629	5½
Denver	35	32	.522	13
Minnesota	19	49	.279	29½
Dallas	8	60	.118	40½

Pacific division

* Seattle	50	17	.746	—
Phoenix	45	23	.662	5½
Portland	41	28	.594	10
Golden State	39	28	.582	11
LA Lakers	29	38	.433	21
LA Clippers	26	42	.373	25
Sacramento	23	45	.338	27½

* secured play-off place

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester Jets 94 Worthing Bears 95; Doncaster Panthers 102 Derby Bucks 85; Guildford Kings 76 Birmingham Bullets 55; Sunderland Scorpions 101 Hemel Royals 92. 16)

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Birmingham CC Atlanta Saw Company (team 50km): 1 Optimum Performance RT (P Curran, W Randle, M Lovatt and K Dawson) 1hr 4min 8sec (course record); 2, Welsh CU 1:04:10; 3, Team Sabre 1:07.49. Ribble Valley CRC (hilly, 35 miles): G Butler (RT Italia), 1:22.22 (event record) Ely and District CC (hilly, 50km): J French (Leo RC), 1:12:45. Royal Dean Forest (hilly, 28 miles): J Barnes (Gloucester City CC), 1:22:15. Team: Swindon RC, 4:22:04. Southwell CC (two-up, 26.8 miles): K Platts and G Platts (Coalville Wheelers), 1:05.49 Darlington Velo (hilly, 28.5 miles): D Cook (Middridge CRT), 1:14:21. Team: Middridge CRT, 3:44:48. Mirage CC (Humberside, 25 miles): J Wainman (Hull Thursday RC), 1:04:41 Hemel Hempstead CC (hilly, 25.5 miles): J Jenkinson (Southampton Triathlon Club), 1:04:57. Team: CC Luton, 3:20:40. Mid-Oxon CRT (25 miles): D Willetts (Birchfield CC), 52:35 Clevedon and District RC (two-up, 25 miles): R Parsons and A Parsons (Wellington Wheelers), 1:02:16. Sunderland Clarion (25 miles): H Welker (GS Metro), 57:36. Team: GS Metro, 3:04:17. Knaresborough CRT (Circuit of Nidderdale, 25 miles). C Giles (Huddersfield Star Wheelers), 1.03.54. Boston Wheelers (two-up, 22.5 miles): M Walsham and S Hempsall (Choice Accountancy), 50:17. San Fairy Ann CC (Kent, hilly 22 miles). P Austin (Wigmore CC), 53.05. Teams: San Fairy Ann CC, 2:56.58. Bela CC (Yarrow, Borders, 20.5 miles): C Isats (Berwick Wheelers), 53.01. Team: Berwick Wheelers, 2:47.51. Crewe Clarion Wheelers (hilly, 17 miles). P Moore (North Wirral Velo), 39.58. Team: Crewe Clarion Wheelers, 2.03.40 Cardiff Ajax CC (10 miles): C Goulden (Taf-Ely Triathlon Club), 23.57 Team: Owncam Paragon, 1:18:15. ROAD RACES: Tour of the Stars (Houston, Renfrewshire, 78 miles). C Thomson (VC Aston), 3hr 26min. Highgate CC (Stevenage, 65 miles) G Baker (Olympia Sport), 2:20:00. Catford CC (Edenbridge, Kent, 64 miles): G Holmes (Delta RT), 2.28:40. Ashfield RC (Nottinghamshire, 60 miles): I Gilkes (RT Italia), 3:24:30. Central Lancashire RC (Oakenclough, 51 miles): W Wright (Manchester Velo), 2:21:54.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 3 Bristol City 0, Millwall 1 Brighton 0.

BRAZIL: Rio championship: Fluminense 0 Gama 0; Volta Redonda 1 Botafoga 3; Olaria 1 Flamengo 2; America 0 Madureira 0; Americano 0 Bangu 2; Campo Grande 1 Itaperuna 2. Vasco Da Gama, Flamengo, Fluminense and Botafoga qualify for finals. São Paulo championship: Santo Andre 1 Corinthians 1; Ponte Preta 2 Palmeiras 1; Santos 3 Rio Branco 0; Ituano 1 Guarani 1; Uniao São Joao 3 Novorizontino 2; Bragantino 1 Mogi Mirim 1. Portuguesa 2 America 1; Ferroviaria 1 Sao Paulo 4.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sporting Gijón 2 Celta 1: Real Madrid 3 Valencia 2; Sevilla 4 Logronés 1; Real Sociedad 1 Rayo Vallecano 1, Albacete 2 Lerida 1; Barcelona 2 Tenerife 1; Real Zaragoza 2 Racing Santander 0; Osasuna 0 Atlético Madrid 1; Real Valladolid 0 Real Oviedo 0; Deportivo Corunia 4 Athletic Bilbao 1.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Hamburg 1 Bayern Munich 2

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Charleroi 1 Anderlecht 5; Beveren 0 FC Antwarp 0, FC Mechlin 1 Waregem 1; RWDM 2 FC Liege 2, Genk 0 Seraing 0; Standard Liege 7 Lommel 0; Lierse 0 Ostend 1; FC Bruges 2 Cercle Bruges 0; Ekeren 2 AA Ghent 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: SC Breda 1 Willem II Tilburg 1; Cambuur Leeuwarden 1 Vitesse Arnhem 3; WV Venlo 1 Sparta Rotterdam 4; FC Groningen 3 Go Ahead Eagles 1; RKC Waalwijk 3 FC Utrecht 0; FC Twente Enschede 4 MVV Maastricht 2; Volendam 3 SC Heerenveen 0; Roda JC Kerkrade 4 PSV Eindhoven 0.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Group A: Galway 2 Derry City 1; Cork City 3 Bohemians 1. Group B: Limerick 2 Dundalk 1; St Patrick's Ath 0 Cobh Ramblers 5

HOCKEY

WAKEFIELD: County championship: Men: Yorkshire 3 Kent 0; Durham 4 Kent 3; Yorkshire 4 Durham 2

EAST GRINSTEAD: County championship: Women: Sussex 2 Berkshire 3; Bucks 0 Middlesex 0, Oxon 0 Berks 3; Bucks 0 Surrey 4; Sussex 1 Middlesex 1.

HAMPSHIRE WOMEN'S CUP: Quarter-final: Southampton 1, Havant 1 (3-2 pen aet).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Detroit 3 Chicago 1, Boston 6 Washington 4; Winnipeg 3 NY Rangers 1; Dallas 2 Tampa Bay 2 (OT), Vancouver 4 Los Angeles 3; Buffalo 4 NY Islanders 1; Anaheim 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT); San Jose 4 St Louis 3, Edmonton 5 Pittsburgh 3; New Jersey 5 Quebec 2.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	39	25	13	278	264	91
Boston	39	25	12	266	226	90
Montreal	38	24	13	260	218	89
Buffalo	39	26	9	256	200	87
Quebec	30	38	7	245	258	67
Hartford	24	44	8	202	257	56
Ottawa	12	55	8	176	354	32

Atlantic division

* NY Rangers	46	23	7	271	212	99
* Jersey	44	21	11	282	200	99
Washington	34	32	9	241	232	77
Florida	32	30	13	210	206	77
Philadelphia	33	36	7	270	288	73
NY Islanders	31	35	9	252	242	71
Tampa Bay	26	40	11	201	233	61

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division

* Detroit	43	26	6	317	248	92
* Toronto	40	24	12	249	215	92
* Dallas	38	26	11	253	222	87
* ST Louis	39	30	9	239	254	81
Chicago	35	32	9	230	214	79
Winnipeg	23	45	8	227	307	54

Pacific division

* Calgary	37	27	12	274	238	86
Vancouver	37	35	3	256	246	77
San Jose	28	33	15	220	242	71
Anaheim	29	42	5	210	284	63
Los Angeles	25	39	11	266	291	61
Edmonton	21	43	12	239	281	54

* secured play-off place

BRITISH LEAGUE

Premier division final standings

	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts
Cardiff	44	39	5	0	422	220	78
Sheffield	44	28	12	4	313	198	60
Fife	44	27	15	2	304	192	56
Nottingham	44	26	16	2	288	224	54
* Murrayfield	44	27	15	2	386	288	51
Durham	44	24	18	2	316	284	50
Whitley	44	22	18	4	282	288	48
Humberside	44	18	22	4	301	308	40
Basingstoke	44	12	25	6	255	344	30
Bracknell	44	11	30	3	220	320	25
Peterboro	44	9	32	3	239	398	21
Billingham	44	5	39	0	238	491	10

* 5pts deducted for breach of regulations

RUGBY LEAGUE

SYDNEY, Australia: Winfield Cup: Brisbane Broncos 18 St George 22; Manly-Warringah 66 Western Suburbs 8; Parramatta 14 North Sydney 16; Cronulla-Sutherland 6 Illawarra Steelers 20.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Belle Vue 20 King's Lynn 22 (abandoned after seven heats, rain).

TABLE TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM: European championships: Men: Category one, Group A: Germany 4 Belgium 2, Poland 4 Holland 0; Sweden 4 Germany 2. Group B: France 4 Hungary 2; Austria 4 England 2 (Austria first) Oland Olan lost to Chen Xinhua 15-21 15-21; Y I Ding bt C Prean 12-21 21-17 23-21. W Schlager lost to M Syed 19-21 16-21, K Jindrak & Schlager bt Prean & A Cooke 21-11 19-21 21-14, Y I Ding bt Xinhua (withdrew), Schlager bt Prean 21-19 21-17), France 4 England 0 (Francs first. J-P Gatien bt M Syed 21-8, 21-11. P Chila bt A Cooke 13-21, 21-19, 21-17; D Eloi bt A Eden 21-14, 21-10; Eloi and Gatien bt C Prean and Cooke 21-15, 13-21, 21-13).

Women: Category one, Group A: Russia 4 Sweden 1, Croatia 4 Belgium 2; Germany 4 Romania 1; Russia 4 Romania 0, Germany 4 Croatia 0; Sweden 4 Belgium 1; England 4 Holland 1 (England first. L Lomas bt M Muller 21-8, 21-13; A Holt bt G Keen 21-18, 21-11, A Gordon lost to E Noor 20-22, 18-21; Holt and Lomas bt Muller and Noor 21-13, 21-12; Lomas bt Keen 21-11, 21-14). Leading final placings in Group A: 1, Russia; 2, Germany. Group B: Hungary 4 Italy 0; France 4 Slovakia 1. Leading final placings in Group B: 1, Hungary; 2, England. Category two: Group C: Finland 4 Norway 0; Austria 4 Armenia 2, Norway 4 Wales 0 (Norway first. S Rasmussen bt S Evans 21-13, 21-11; L Ingebrigtsen bt N Williams 21-18, 21-14; A Mortensebakke bt B Daunton 21-11, 21-19; Rasmussen and Mortensebakke bt Williams and Daunton 21-11, 21-13). Armenia 4 Finland 0, Malta 4 Isle of Man 3 (Isle of Man first) M Bubb bt C Cassar Torreslani 21-6, 21-17, A M Jones lost to J Grech 13-21, 11-21; J Owen lost to N Pullicino 15-21 16-21, Bubb and Owen bt Cassar Torreslani and Grech 25-27, 21-13, 23-21; Bubb bt Grech 13-21, 21-12, 21-15, Jones lost to Pullicino 12-21, 11-21; Owen lost to Cassar Torreslani 11-21, 12-21). Group D: Slovenia 4 Belorus 1. Scotland wo Belorus (Belorus failed to turn up). Czech Republic 4 Slovenia 2; Iceland 4 San Marino 3. Group E: Spain 4 Wales 1, Portugal 4 Latvia 3; Ukraine 4 Lithuania 2. Group F: Israel 4 Bosnia-Herzgovina 2.

TENNIS

HOUSTON Virginia Slims: Semi-finals: M Pierce (Fr) bt A Carlsson (Swe)6-2, 6-2; S Hack (Ger) bt C Martinez (Sp) 2-6 6-4 6-4. Final: Hack bt Pierce 7-5, 6-4

DAVIS CUP: World Group, first round: Graz: Austria lost Germany 3-2.

OSAKA, Japan: Salem Open men's tournament, First round: L Roux (Fr) bt D Adams (Aus) 6-1, 6-4; C Adams (US) bt R Holland 1 (England first. L Lomas bt M Muller 21-8, 21-13; A Holt bt G Keen 21-18, 21-11, A Gordon lost to E Noor 20-22, 18-21; Holt and Lomas bt Muller and Noor 21-13, 21-12; Lomas bt Keen 21-11, 21-14). Leading final placings in Group A: 1, Russia; 2, Germany. Group B: Hungary 4 Italy 0; France 4 Slovakia 1 Leading final placings in Group B: 1, Hungary; 2, England. Category two: Group C: Finland 4 Norway 0; Austria 4 Armenia 2, Norway 4 Wales 0 (Norway first. S Rasmussen bt S Evans 21-13, 21-11; L Ingebrigtsen bt N Williams 21-18, 21-14; A Mortensebakke bt B Daunton 21-11, 21-19; Rasmussen and Mortensebakke bt Williams and Daunton 21-11, 21-13). Armenia 4 Finland 0, Malta 4 Isle of Man 3 (Isle of Man first) M Bubb bt C Cassar Torreslani 21-6, 21-17, A M Jones lost to J Grech 13-21, 11-21; J Owen lost to N Pullicino 15-21 16-21, Bubb and Owen bt Cassar Torreslani and Grech 25-27, 21-13, 23-21; Bubb bt Grech 13-21, 21-12, 21-15, Jones lost to Pullicino 12-21, 11-21; Owen lost to Cassar Torreslani 11-21, 12-21). Group D: Slovenia 4 Belorus 1. Scotland wo Belorus (Belorus failed to turn up). Czech Republic 4 Slovenia 2; Iceland 4 San Marino 3. Group E: Spain 4 Wales 1, Portugal 4 Latvia 3; Ukraine 4 Lithuania 2. Group F: Israel 4 Bosnia-Herzgovina 2.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

ACEPHALOUS

(b) Without a head, headless, Latin *acephalus* from the Greek *akephalos*: "With so strong an inducement for fishmongers to decapitate congers, acephalous specimens would probably be common."

BARTAVEL

(c) The Red Partridge, from the French *bartavelle*, a name given, according to Lavallée, on account of the bird's monotonous note, from the medieval Latin *bartavella* for *vertvella* a windlass, Latin *vertere* to turn: "Buffon contends that the *perdix* of Aristotle does not mean the common patridge, but the bartavel."

NITHER

(b) To bring or thrust down, to bring low, abase, humble, oppress, straiten (also, in OE, to condemn). From the OE *nitherian*, connected with *nether*, having many Teutonic cognates: *West Yorkshire Glossary*, 1876: "I am nithered with cold."

PERKIN

(a) Rough dregs and mulch left from cider. Perhaps from *perry*, Latin *pera* a pear. If the word was derived from *perry*, it must have been applied originally to a weak kind of perry, analogous to *ciderkin* from *cider*: but of this evidence has not been found.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Ng6+! Nxg6 2 Qxg6 (threatening 3 Qxh7+!) 2 ... h6 3 Rh3 and 4 Rxh6+ mating, is unavoidable.

TITLE HOLDER

ROAD HOLDER



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Chapple-Hyam considers Craven Stakes for leading 2,000 Guineas hope

Golden Nashwan misses Kempton

BY ROBERT WRIGHT



MARTIN LYNCH

Golden Nashwan has been withdrawn from the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton but remains on course for the 2,000 Guineas

GOLDEN Nashwan, 8-1 second favourite for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 30, is to miss his intended comeback race, the Bonusprint Easter Stakes at Kempton Park on Saturday.

Rain at Manton has slowed up the colt's preparation, but his trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, said yesterday: "There is nothing wrong with the horse. I've withdrawn him from the Kempton race because of the likelihood of cut in the ground. He will make his reappearance in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket or the Thirsk Classic Trial."

In spite of Golden Nashwan's defection, the Easter Stakes has attracted a high-quality entry. Concordial, who had *top-rated* juvenile Grand Lodge in third when beating Just Happy in the Acomb Stakes at York last August, will work this morning, and is an intended runner. "Assuming he comes through his work all right, he will go to Kempton," trainer Roger Charlton said.

Richard Hannon, who won the race last year with Right Win, has two entries, Redoubtable and Bluegrass Prince. Redoubtable showed progressive form last season, ending with an unlucky-in-running two-length fifth to Grand Lodge in the Dewhurst Stakes, and would appear to be the pick of the pair.

Betting interest in the 2,000 Guineas centred yesterday on the Michael Stoute-trained Just Happy, who was heavily backed with Ladbrokes. Not seen out since finishing a neck second to Concordial at York, he is now 12-1 for the classic. Ladbrokes spokesman Ian Wassell said: "Just Happy was 33-1 at the start of spring and 20-1 a week ago. But the weight of money means we have had to cut him again today from 16-1 into 12-1."

The fillies' equivalent at Kempton, the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes, has attracted a stronger field numerically, but looks less likely to throw up a classic winner. The Geoff Wragg-trained Tzu'mu is one of the few with the potential to make up into a classic contender. She did not get the best of runs when second on her debut at Ascot, and then stayed on strongly to win a maiden at Newmarket, both over six furlongs, and is bred to be well suited by the step up to a mile.

Saturday's other feature card, at Haydock Park, sees the Flat return of Champion Hurdle winner Flakey Dove in the Cheadle Hulme Conditions Stakes. She will be opposed by last year's winner, Jack Button, who is reported to be on course for a repeat success. "He is in good form and has been aimed at this race for some time," Jones said. "I don't want to sound over-confident, but I am very pleased with what he has done so far."

Other entries include Triumph Hurdle fifth Kadastrof, unbeaten hurdler Malaia, who has run only once on the Flat, and useful stayer Brandon Prince.

Plans for last year's Champion Hurdle winner, Granville Again, are on hold.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BUCK WILLOW
(3.55 Sandown Park)
Next best: Martha's Son
(2.55 Sandown Park)

SATURDAY'S BIG RACE ACCEPTORS

KEMPTON PARK: 3.15 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £10,844: 1m) (15 acceptors) Bearall (R Hannon); Brasri (B Hills); Clyde Goddess (J Dunlop); Crazy For You (M Channon); Faweakeh (R Armstrong); Hever Golf Rose (T Naughton); Knayton Lass (M W Easterby); Lady Fairfax (R Boss); Leopardess (C Brittain); Pursuit Of Glory (C Cyzer); Sunday News'N'Echo (P Kelleway); Tamar's Brigade (M McCormack); Threatening (R Williams); Tzu'Mu (G Wragg); Whatcombe (P Cole).

4.15 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O colts & geldings: £13,825: 1m) (10 acceptors) Big Squeeze (C Cyzer); Bluegrass Prince (R Hannon); Cedez Le Passage (C Brittain); Concordial (R Charlton); Indhar (J Banks); Mystic Eagle (J Gosden); Redoubtable (R Hannon); The Flying Phantom (M Tompkins); Time Star (P Cole); Ultimo Imperatore (J Dunlop).

HAYDOCK PARK: 2.00 CHEADLE HULME CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,953: 2m 45yd) (7 acceptors) Alkhafi (A Forbes); Brandon Prince (I Balding); Flakey Dove (R Price); Jack Button (Bob Jones); Kadastrof (R Dickin); Malaia (J Old); Star Player (R Baker).

Bloom's quintet equals riding record

POINT-TO-POINT
BY BRIAN BEEL

ON A day when trebles were commonplace, Nigel Bloom entered the point-to-point record books by riding five winners at the Essex meeting on Saturday. The feat has been achieved only once before, by Robin Greenway in 1975.

The first success for Bloom came on the six-year-old Millbay, who in winning for the fifth time this season cut into himself and finished slightly lame. Among his four other successes was Melton Park, who looked more like his old self when he beat Azusa in the open in the fastest time of the day.

Bloom has now established a clear lead in the men's riding championship with 15 winners, but he is far overshadowed by Polly Curling, who rode the last four winners at the Wilton to put her on 22. This is the second time this season that she has completed the achievement.

On any other day Tim Jones's four-timer at the Curre would have been the talking point. The only favourite in his haul was Sandy Beau, 2-1 for the Land Rover qualifier.

Clifton-on-Teme's final event was not run until almost 7pm as the card stretched to a record-breaking 12 races. However, it was a sad day for Alastair Crow. Keen to make progress in the riders' championship after his double at the Ross last Wednesday, he broke his collarbone when Shean Deas fell in the intermediate.

Joe Docker, 16, whose father, John, rode 75 winners between the flags, had his first success on a horse only one year younger than himself. This was Raise An Argument, who won the confined, giving Docker the additional satisfaction of beating Johnny Greenall on the favourite, Some Flash.

Further afield, the Mark Johnston-trained Quick Ransom finished a disappointing last of five behind last year's Breeders' Cup Turf runner-up, Bien Bien, in the £101,014 grade one San Luis Rey Stakes over 1½ miles at Santa Anita on Sunday.

Owner Eric Scarth has moved the horse from Martin Pipe's yard to that of the less well-known Len Lungo at Carrutherstown. "I'm flattered to have been sent such a high-profile horse and I welcome the challenge," Lungo said of his new charge, who has failed to win in four outings since last year's festival.

Tigers bank on safe Bett as title brings just reward

Nicholas Harling on the coach who has guided Thames Valley to the pinnacle of domestic basketball

IF THE award received last year by Mick Bett for being English basketball's coach of the year was something of a surprise, there will be no disputing the honour should he step up again soon in recognition of his efforts this season.

For Thames Valley Tigers, coached by Bett for less than two years, have just won the Budweiser League for the first time in the history of the club, formerly known as Bracknell, Bracknell Pirates, Bracknell Tigers and other variations on the theme. Not that Bett went overboard. Far from it. He is not that type of man. Quiet, unassuming but good company, he does and says things without making a fuss, apart from the occasional rollicking of officials, which is about par for the course in a sport where almost everybody has a go at them.

With successive home victories over Birmingham Bullets and Sunderland Scorpions, Bett's Tigers achieved in a space of 24 hours last weekend the two wins that were required to make certain of finishing top. With two games to play, they cannot be caught by Worthing Bears or Manchester Giants, the two teams that have pursued them all season for basketball's leading domestic honour.

The greatest satisfaction for Bett came in learning from his mistake of last season when he went easy on his players after they had captured the NatWest Trophy. They made a successful defence this season (of the renamed League Trophy), only this time they were not allowed to rest on their laurels.

"We've worked a lot harder this season and practised a lot harder," Bett said. "We haven't let up at all."

Helped by the latest contribution from the £1 million poured into the club over the last ten years by its owner, John Nike, Bett has reaped the benefits. One good American, Lester James, was replaced by a better one, Tony Holley, and the England captain, Peter Scantlebury did not need much persuading to leave London Towers to play in the town where he lives. Kevin St Kitts returned to Manchester but it mattered little as Scantlebury's former England colleague, Tony Balogun, stepped out of retirement to make a return impressive beyond Bett's expectations.

Nigel Lloyd, the outstanding Barbadian, stayed to control the back-court, helped in no small way by the three-point specialist, Michael Hayles, and Nick Cooke, along with the long-serving Paul James. "We were lucky," Bett said, "in that we had some good players and were able to bring in some good ones. Obviously we were taking a gamble but it has turned out to be a good gamble."

In the absence of Mike Obaseki, the England forward, who trevelled to Texas for an operation on his troublesome ankle, the only real hiccups were losing the National Cup final to Worthing and a surprise home defeat by Doncaster Panthers the weekend before last. "Losing to Doncaster was a real downer and I saw a few things that shouldn't be there," Betts said. Evidently, he got them right in time for Tigers to capture their greatest honour in front of their own spectators.

TABLE

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
1 Thames Valley	34	30	4	3172	2612	60
2 Manchester	35	28	7	3428	2823	56
3 Worthing	34	28	6	3151	2853	56
4 Guildford	34	22	12	2913	2700	44
5 Birmingham	33	20	13	2812	2651	40
6 London	35	20	15	3003	3041	40
7 Leicester	34	19	15	2789	2731	38
8 Derby	34	16	18	2954	2948	32
9 Doncaster	33	12	21	2645	2843	24
10 Chester	34	11	23	2743	2887	22
11 Sunderland	34	11	23	2998	3212	22
12 Hemel	33	3	30	2742	3247	6
13 Oldham	35	1	34	2644	3447	2

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER

2.35 Salome's Dance. 3.05 Sound The Trumpet. 3.40 Never In The Red. 4.10 Attadale. 4.40 Jaawis. 5.10 Tanoda.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.35 SALOME'S DANCE (nap). 5.10 Red Whirlwind.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.35 MONKEY BUSINESS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,489: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (2) BARATO Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 J Weaver –
2 (7) EVIL CHARLIE J Berry 9-0 J Carroll –
3 (9) 05- NEZ CARRERA 305 R Whitaker 9-0 A Culhane –
4 (1) 00- PAVACINI 159 M Brittain 9-0 J Lowe –
5 (6) 60- SONNETEER 287 M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch –
6 (3) 02- FAIREY FIREFLY 152 M Camacho 8-9 L Charnock ●
7 (5) LAST QUARRY Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 K Fallon –
8 (4) MAID O'CANNIE M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas –
9 (8) 023- SALOME'S DANCE 165 M Prescott 8-9 G Duffield 93

5-4 Salome's Dance, 4-1 Evil Charlie, 7-1 Barato, 15-2 Last Quarry, 8-1 Fairey Firefly, 10-1 Sonneteer, 14-1 Maid O'Cannie, Pavacini, 16-1 Nez Carrera.

3.05 EBF HORSE FEATHERS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,026: 5f) (5)

1 (5) ACORN Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley –
2 (3) BORROWBY M W Easterby 9-0 T Lucas –
3 (2) 0 CHADLEIGH WALK 5 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks –
4 (1) POLY LANE M Channon 9-0 T Quinn –
5 (4) SOUND THE TRUMPET J Berry 9-0 J Carroll –

15-8 Sound The Trumpet, 2-1 Poly Lane, 5-2 Chadleigh Walk, 5-1 Acorn, 10-1 Borrowby.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 9 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; M Stoute, 12 from 42, 28.6%; M Camacho, 8 from 28, 28.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 16 from 96, 16.7%; J Berry, 17 from 110, 15.5%; M W Easterby, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; G Duffield, 14 from 61, 23.0%; J Weaver, 4 from 18, 22.2%; B Raymond, 6 from 36, 16.7%; Dean McKeown, 15 from 92, 16.3%; J Carroll, 15 from 109, 13.8%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: There are no horses blinkered for the first time at Newcastle today.

3.40 GO WEST SPRINT HANDICAP (£4,836: 5f) (12)

1 (1) 15-0 EAGER DEVA 4 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 7-9-12 L Aspell (7) 91
2 (11) 450- NEVER IN THE RED 146J (B,D,F,G) D Nicholls 6-9-6 Alex Greaves 95
3 (6) 000- OLIFANTSFONTEIN 220 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 6-9-3 M Birch 98
4 (5) 040- RISTON LADY 164 (D,F,G) B Rothwell 4-9-2 D Harrison 95
5 (9) 020- PRIMULA BAIRN 143 (D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-13 K Fallon 96
6 (7) 052- JUST BOB 190 (D,F,G,S) S Kettlewell 5-8-12 J Fortune 93
7 (2) 5035 PALLIUM 14 (B,D,F,G) M Naughton 6-8-6 J Weaver 95
8 (3) 004- PENNY HASSET 185 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 6-8-4 L Dettori 94
9 (8) 00-6 LOCAL HEROINE 12 (D,F) J Berry 4-8-4 J Carroll 90
10 (4) 2-11 SADDLEHOME 36 (D,F,G) T Barron 5-8-3 K Darley ●
11 (12) 000- MILBANK CHALLENGER 159 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 4-8-2 J Quinn 94
12 (10) 143- CRAIGIE BOY 145 (G) N Bycroft 4-7-7 J Fanning 96

3-1 Saddlehome, 6-1 Primula Bairn, 7-1 Penny Hasset, 8-1 Just Bob, Local Heroine, Never In The Red, 10-1 Olifantsfontein, 12-1 Pallium, 14-1 others.

4.10 AT THE CIRCUS HANDICAP (£2,951: 2m 19yd) (9)

1 (9) 10-0 MAMARA REEF 32 (G) Denys Smith 4-9-13 K Fallon 94
2 (4) 3/0- ATTADALE 18J (CD,F) L Lungo 6-9-9 M Birch –
3 (2) 0/0- VERY EVIDENT 19J G Moore 5-9-5 J Weaver –
4 (3) /50- VAIN PRINCE 24J (CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-9-2 Kim Tinkler –
5 (5) 000- BERING ISLAND 21J W Bentley 4-8-7 R Lappin ●
6 (6) /06- LOCH GARANNE 92J M Camacho 6-8-6 L Charnock –
7 (8) -150 WHEELER'S WONDER 21 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-4 K Darley 96
8 (1) 04-3 SOOJAMA 3 R Voorspuy 4-8-2 J Fanning 96
9 (7) /05- LODGING 271 (F) B Ellison 7-7-7 S Wood 80

15-8 Attadale, 4-1 Vain Prince, 11-2 Wheeler's Wonder, 5-1 Soojama, 8-1 others.

4.40 ANIMAL CRACKERS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,627: 1m 2f 32yd) (2)

1 (1) 000- BURRINGHAM BOY 152 B Rothwell 9-0 D Harrison –
2 (2) 43- JAAWIS 144 M Stoute 9-0 B Raymond ●

1-20 Jaawis, 14-1 Burringham Boy.

5.10 DUCK SOUP HANDICAP (£3,173: 1m 2f 32yd) (8)

1 (6) 303- THALEROS 6J G Moore 4-10-0 J Weaver 97
2 (8) 000- RINGLAND 18J (F,G) T Cuthbert 6-10-0 K Darley 92
3 (4) 455- RED WHIRLWIND 293 B McMath 4-9-5 E Johnson 87
4 (3) 300- I'M A DREAMER 27J (D,F,G) W Haigh 4-9-3 Dean McKeown 98
5 (1) 600- RETENDER 139 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-2 K Fallon 97
6 (5) 1410 KELLY MAC 4 (G) M Channon 4-8-13 T Quinn ●
7 (7) /40 ABELONI 14 (G) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 L Dettori 89
8 (2) 040- TANODA 165 (CD,F,G,S) M Brittain 8-7-13 J Lowe 91

BETTING: 5-2 Kelly Mac, 5-1 Tanoda, Thaleros, 11-2 Ringland, 7-1 others.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Gale Again
2.55 Martha's Son
3.25 Loch Blue
3.55 BONSAI BUD (nap)
4.25 Boutzdaroff
4.55 Roxall Clump

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.55 MARTHA'S SON.
Brian Beel: 4.55 Quick Rapor.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 Spree Cross.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.20 GUNNER HERITAGE CAMPAIGN CHASE (Handicap: £4,371: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

101 03143P- YOUNG POKEY 396 (C,F,G) (M Oberstein) O Sherwood 9-12-0 J Osborne 92
102 221-22P GALE AGAIN 10 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) T Stack (Ire) 7-11-11 D Murphy 86
103 05-3604 ROMANY KING 10 (D,G,S) (U Schwarzenbach) G Balding 10-10-12 Richard Guest ●
104 3/PP-UU1 EASTSHAW 17 (CD,F,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 12-10-6 B Powell 98
105 523222 LOVE ANEW 11 (F,G) (D Bowlett) M Dixon 9-10-0 N Williamson 80
106 24/4-U4P YOUNG ALFIE 27 (B) (J Panvert) J Panvert 9-10-0 S Arnold (7) 50

Long handicap: Love Anew 8-8, Young Alfie 6-12.
BETTING: 2-1 Eastshaw, 9-4 Gale Again, 4-1 Romany King, 5-1 Young Pokey, 20-1 others.
1993: AMARI KING 9-10-1 R Dunwoody (Evens fav) T Forster 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

YOUNG POKEY best effort 8½l 3rd of 6 to Boutzdaroff in a handicap chase at Liverpool (2m, firm) in April 1993. GALE AGAIN best effort 1½l 2nd of 8 to Deep Bramble in a handicap chase at Tipperary (2m 6f, good to yielding). ROMANY KING 29½l last of 4 to Lumberjack in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 5f, soft). EASTSHAW beat Hey Cottage ¾l in a 6-runner amateur riders handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). LOVE ANEW 3l 2nd of 7 to Jailbreaker in handicap chase over course and distance (good to soft). Selection: GALE AGAIN

2.55 BRITISH AEROSPACE RAPIER NOVICES CHASE (£4,104: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

201 P-42111 MARTHA'S SON 13 (F,G,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 7-11-8 R Dunwoody ●
202 3-31541 YORKSHIRE GALE 18 (CD,G,S) (B Naylor) J Gifford 8-11-4 D Murphy 85
203 3U-441U BALLY PARSON 13 (D,G) (G Hubbard) J Chugg 8-11-0 N Williamson 82
204 61-F212 GINGER TRISTAN 18 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs C Notley) D Grissell 8-11-0 Peter Hobbs 84
205 335553 POPPETS PET 17 (D,F,G) (D Line) J Mullins 7-11-0 S Curran 75

BETTING: 11-8 Martha's Son, 7-2 Yorkshire Gale, 4-1 Bally Parson, 9-2 Ginger Tristan, 16-1 Poppets Pet.
1993: MR JAMBOREE 7-11-4 D Murphy (5-5 fav) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARTHA'S SON completed hat-trick, beat Jimmy The Gillie 1½l in a 4-runner novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Spree Cross 2½l in a 4-runner handicap chase over the same course and distance (soft). YORKSHIRE GALE beat GINGER TRISTAN (1lb better off) 2l in a 2-runner novice chase over course and distance (good). BALLY PARSON neck 2nd, promoted to 1st, to Varzo Bay in an 11-runner novice chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start. GINGER TRISTAN beat Nickloo 5l in a 6-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. POPPETS PET 23l 5th of 11 to New Ghost in a novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. Selection: MARTHA'S SON

3.25 ROYAL ARTILLERY GOLD CUP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,713: 3m 110yd) (17 runners)

301 PP-11P0 FIFTH AMENDMENT 18 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Ponsonby) C Mann 9-12-7 C Ward Thomas 90
302 /4PP-5U GUNNER STREAM 18 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 10-12-7 B Elliot 69
303 1-61PP0 NEVER BE GREAT 155F (D,F,G) (P Southcombe) K Bishop 12-12-7 Miss J Southcombe 82
304 21-2103 THE MASTER GUNNER 17 (BF,G,S) (R Burgess) K Bailey 10-12-7 J Trice-Rolph 91
305 1115P3 TOUCHING STAR 18 (D,F,G) (Capt B Payne) P Hobbs 9-12-7 B Marquis ●
306 P-593F6 WELKNOWN CHARACTER 60 (D,F,B,S) P Nicholls 12-12-7 D Alers-Hankey 96
307 P-15423 LOCH BLUE 25 (D,G,S) (D Chorston) S Dow 12-12-3 A Wood 91
308 124084 TRIBAL RULER 20 (D,F,G,S) (Royal Artillery) D McCain 9-12-3 D McCain 85
309 0PP-3P0 KNOX'S CORNER 18 (D,G,S) (D Auer) R Curtis 9-12-0 S Robinson –
310 UP3333 SMOOTH ESCORT 19 (V,G,S) (D Line) Mrs D Haine 10-12-0 D Line 98
311 F44-30P KILLBANON 132 (D,F,G,S) (Lt Col D Angus) C Trietline 12-11-7 C Trietline 71
312 3/PP-PU PRINCE NEPAL 7 (CD,S) (Major E D'F Wilson) R Champion 10-11-7 C Farr –
313 65-0064 WARNER'S END 88 (B,D,F,G,S) (Lt Col E Stocker) J Webber 13-11-7 J Fountain 82
314 P-3344 EAGLE TRACE 10P (S) (P Southcombe) P Southcombe 11-11-3 Miss W Southcombe –
315 PP5/PP5 MAJOR ELSTON 27 (M Bolton) M Bolton 9-11-3 D Warren –
316 F223/P5 NORSTOWN 18 (F,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 12-11-3 Capt R Inglesant –
317 12140 SCRUMPY COUNTRY 31P (F,G,S) (C Moore) C Marriott 9-11-3 Major C Marriott 79

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 7-2 The Master Gunner, 9-2 Smooth Escort, 5-1 Touching Star, 6-1 Fifth Amendment, Welknown Character, 10-1 Loch Blue, 12-1 Warner's End, 14-1 Tribal Ruler, 16-1 Gunner Stream, 20-1 others.
1993: GAELIC CHERRY 10-12-0 C Ward Thomas (3-1) D Fletcher 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIFTH AMENDMENT best effort ¾l 2nd, promoted to 1st, to Castle Attraction in a 13-runner hunter chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). NEVER BE GREAT best effort beat La Mode Lady 8l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Tramore (2m, good to firm). THE MASTER GUNNER 1¾l 3rd of 6 to Eastshaw in handicap chase here (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). LOCH BLUE 5½l 3rd of 5 to Tipp Mariner in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m, good). SMOOTH ESCORT 3½l 3rd of 6 to Fiddlers Three in handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). Selection: THE MASTER GUNNER

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.55 ALANBROOKE MEMORIAL CHASE (Handicap: £5,181: 3m 110yd) (7 runners)

401 11U2/2-P ARCTIC CALL 3 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 11-12-0 J Osborne 90
402 U2/042-4 HENRY MANN 17 (B,D,F,G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 11-10-10 R Dunwoody 94
403 112240 RICHVILLE 13 (F,G,S) (Major-Gen R Burges) K Bailey 8-10-7 N Williamson 98
404 05-U12P BONSAI BUD 122 (D,F,G,S) (P De Wilde) D Murray Smith 11-10-0 D Gallagher 92
405 2/33331 BUCK WILLOW 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 10-10-0 D Murphy ●
406 2-5R3PR THE LEGGETT 8 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Jessop) A Jessop 11-10-0 R Bellamy 78
407 PP4U4P MIGHTY FALCON 25 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-10-0 P Holley 62

Long handicap: Bonsai Bud 9-12, Buck Willow 9-8, The Leggett 8-8, Mighty Falcon 8-5.
BETTING: 7-4 Buck Willow, 9-4 Richville, 9-2 Bonsai Bud, 5-1 Arctic Call, 11-2 Henry Mann, 14-1 others.
1993: MUSTHAVEASWIG 7-11-1 R Dunwoody (15-8) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC CALL best effort when 2½l 2nd of 11 to Topsham Bay in Grade 3 Whitbread Gold Cup here (3m 5f, good to firm) in April 1992, with THE LEGGETT (7lb better off) 2l 3rd. HENRY MANN 20l 2nd of 4 to Hawthorn Blaze in a chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) on final start last season. RICHVILLE beat 2nd of 8 to Waterloo Boy in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 5f, soft). BONSAI BUD 2l 2nd of 5 to Panto Prince in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110y, firm). BUCK WILLOW beat Amio Chilone 15l in a handicap chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to soft), with HENRY MANN (14lb better off) over 36l 4th and THE LEGGETT (15lb worse off) pulled up. Selection: BUCK WILLOW (nap)

4.25 ROYAL ORDNANCE CHASE (Handicap: £4,751: 2m) (3 runners)

501 32-4U33 BOUTZDAROFF 122 (CD,F,G) (Robinson Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 12-11-10 M Dwyer 86
502 231F21 SPREE CROSS 25 (D,G,S) (P Mason) Mrs D Haine 8-11-0 A Maguire ●
503 132-111 MULBANK 69 (D,F,G,S) (I Shaw) P Hobbs 8-10-12 C Maude 94

BETTING: 6-4 Mulbank, 15-8 Spree Cross, 9-4 Boutzdaroff.
1993: SHAMANA 7-11-7 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOUTZDAROFF 20½l 3rd of 5 to Young Snugfit in a handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good). SPREE CROSS beat Good For A Laugh 15l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good). Earlier finished 2½l 2nd of 4 to Martha's Son in a handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, soft). MULBANK completed three-timer, beat Pithy 12l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, good). Earlier beat Dr Rocket 3l in a 4-runner conditional jockeys handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, good). Selection: MULBANK

4.55 UBIQUE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,052: 2m 4f 110yd) (13 runners)

601 24310-3 AMARI KING 169 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (M Ward-Thomas) J Wall 10-12-6 C Ward Thomas (7) 91
602 2U111 QUICK RAPOR 18 (C,G,S) (D Alers-Hankey) R Barber 9-12-6 D Alers-Hankey (7) ●
603 2152-R2 BEE GARDEN 21 (B,CD,G,S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 13-12-2 Miss P Curling (5) 88
604 2F1P63 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 7 (D,S) (D Malam) D McCain 8-12-2 D McCain (5) 79
605 3-58540 CURAHEEN BOY 22 (D,F,G) (C Trietline) C Trietline 14-12-2 Miss J Butler (7) –
606 PP0-21U DUNCAN 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (C Saunders) Miss C Saunders 9-12-2 NON-RUNNER –
607 66-122 MINSTREL MAN 10P (D,G,S) (W Smith) W Smith 10-12-2 T McCarthy (7) 64
608 1231P/3 ROXALL CLUMP 21 (D,F,G,S) (M Motley) Mrs J Bailey 10-12-2 M Felton (7) 81
609 0/P55-2 DENBERDAR 21 (F) (M Clarke) M Clarke 11-11-12 D Parker (5) 86
610 F2F-22 DROMIN LEADER 10P (G,S) (J Turner) J Turner 9-11-12 P Harding-Jones (5) 75
611 P-P45 GATTERSTOWN 15 (B,G) (Mrs N Gollo) Mrs N Gollo 11-11-12 S Malcaire (7) 70
612 5/P-03 HILARION 22 (D,F,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 10-11-12 D Bloor (7) 65
613 222-4 TREYFORD 17P (D,F,G,S) (M Wareing) A Steel 14-11-12 A Steel (7) 86

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 5-2 Quick Rapor, 5-1 Bee Garden, Amari King, 6-1 Roxall Clump, 8-1 Denberdar, 10-1 Crafty Chaplain, 12-1 Dromin Leader, 16-1 others.
1993: BEE GARDEN 12-11-9 Miss P Curling (11-8 fav) Miss J Litston 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMARI KING beat Love Anew ¾l in a 5-runner handicap chase over course and distance (good to firm) on this card last year. QUICK RAPOR beat Uncle Raggy 20l in an 18-runner handicap chase here (3m 110y, good). BEE GARDEN 1l 2nd of 10 to Eastern Destiny in a hunter chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft), with ROXALL CLUMP (5lb worse off) 2½l 3rd and CRAFTY CHAPLAIN (5lb worse off) over 30l 6th. MINSTREL MAN 25l 2nd of 6 to Duncan in hunter chase at Newbury (2m 4f, heavy), with BEE GARDEN refused last. MINSTREL MAN 1l 2nd of 8 to Darton Ri in a point-to-point at Tweseldown (good). DENBERDAR 4l 2nd of 9 to Kilkinny Cross in a hunter chase at Leicester (2m 1f, good to soft). Selection: BEE GARDEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Jimmy FitzGerald	5	11	45.5	Mr C Ward Thomas	7	17	41.2
D Murray Smith	5	20	25.0	M Dwyer	4	11	36.4
T Forster	8	41	19.5	Mr J Trice-Rolph	3	10	30.0
K Bailey	7	39	17.9	R Dunwoody	30	129	23.3
J Gifford	26	147	17.7	D Murphy	16	77	20.8
D Sherwood	9	55	16.4	A Maguire	11	59	18.6

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Folkestone

Going: good to soft

1.50 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, LOWAWATHA (C Hodgson, 2-1 fav); 2, Port Sunlight (L Dettori, 13-2); 3, Mel Pen Ral (A Munro, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Shergrass (6th), 8 Northern Conqueror, 10 Brayowski, 11 Bag Of Tricks, 12 Nobby Barnes, 14 Southampton (5th), 16 Joli's Great (4th), 20 Salbus, 25 Luckham Style, Prince Rooney, 33 Red Kite, Snow Dream. 15 ran. 3½l, 3l, 3½l, 2½l, 8l. D Morris at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50, £1.70, £2.50, £5.10. DF: £12.40. Trio: £74.80. CSF: £17.47. Tricast: £90.47.

2.20 (6f 189yd) 1, FRIENDLY BRAVE (J Reid, 9-1: Thunderer's nap); 2, Jato (J Tate, 8-1); 3, Bichette (B Rouse, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Comanche Companion (4th), 7-2 Zinbaq, 13-2 Precious Wonder, 10 Second Chance, 16 Calisar, 20 Nigel's Lucky Girl (5th), 25 Affidare (6th), Telmar Systems. 11 ran. Nk, 1½l, ¾l, 1l, ½l. T Mills at Epsom. Tote: £8.20, £2.30, £3.20, £3.10. DF: £72.40. Trio: £344.30. CSF: £77.61. Tricast: £740.20.

2.50 (6f 189yd) 1, ASTRAL WEEKS (Pat Eddery, 9-4); 2, Balmaha (J Williams, 6-4); 3, Bold Mick (C Rutter, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Europharm Lassie (5th), 25 Daily Sport Club (4th), Mace El Reem (6th). 6 ran. 1¾l, 2l, 5l, 15l, 5l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.00; £2.60, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £7.51.

3.20 (6f) 1, BELLO GALLICO (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Decent (G Duffield, 3-1); 3, Go With Bo (B Rouse, 10-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Jayannpee, 8 Galway Blazer, 10 Kissair (5th), Papagos (4th), 14 Damanta, 16 Grand Salt (6th), 20 She's Sweet. 10 ran. 1½l, 9l, 3l, 3l, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £9.00. CSF: £28.64.

3.50 (5f) 1, RUPERT'S PRINCESS (Stephen Davies, 6-1); 2, Roamolique Star (T Quinn, 2-1 fav); 3, Galacia (T Sprake, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Bishop's Lady (5th), Play Golf At Hever, 20 Lady Governor (4th), 25 Reign Victorious, 33 Stoneham Girl (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 1½l, 9l, hd, 7l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £9.40; £1.70, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £37.90. CSF: £24.49.

4.20 (5f) 1, MOVING IMAGE (C Dwyer, 7-1); 2, Covent Garden Girl (D McCabe, 6-1); 3, Bandita (R Street, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Hinari Video (4th), 9-4 Purbeck Centenary (5th), 7 Little Osborne (6th), 20 Pat Poindestres. 7 ran. 1½l, 1l, 1½l, hd, 4. H Collingridge at Newmarket. Tote: £10.70; £3.80, £2.80. DF: £29.70. CSF: £45.89.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1†, BANDAR PERAK (J Reid, 2-1 fav); 1†, GOLDEN HADEER (Stephen Davies, 20-1); 3, Phil's Time (W Newnes, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dawn Rock, 5 Easy D'Or (ur), 6 Lying Eyes (ur), 9 Bernie's Sister (4th), 10 Devilsdancer (5th), Little Luke (ur), Poly Screen (f), 14 Little Brook (6th), 20 Debtyn, Forever Blushing (pu). 13 ran. Dd-ht, 10l, 15l, 8l, ¾l. S Dow at Epsom, R Harris at Ewing. Tote: Bandar Perak £1.40, Golden Hadeer £12.60; Bandar Perak £1.70, Golden Hadeer £4.70, £2.10. DF: £59.00. Trio: £229.80. CSF: Bandar Perak, Golden Hadeer £23.88; Golden Hadeer, Bandar Perak £34.39. Tricast: Bandar Perak, Golden Hadeer, Phil's Time £232.74; Golden Hadeer, Bandar Perak, Phil's Time £290.18.

Jackpot: £48,236.80 (0.4 winning tickets. Pool of £40,763.51 carried forward to Sandown today). Placepot: £262.50.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to soft

2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Crosula (R Dunwoody, 14-1); 2, Munka (11-10 fav); 3, Prudent Peggy (7-2). 7 ran. 13l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £12.60; £3.90, £1.20. DF: £26.70. CSF: £28.24.

2.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Dreams End (C Llewellyn, 1-5 fav); 2, La Villa Rose (11-2); 3, El Grando (100-1). 12 ran. NR: Ma Bella Luna. 6l, 2½l. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.40, £7.30. DF: £2.60. CSF: £2.47.

3.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Elaine Tully (Mr S Mulcaire, 6-5); 2, Knockaverry (11-10 fav); 3, Stormy Sunset (12-1). 9 ran. 2l, 25l. P Hobbs. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.50.

3.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Celcius (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Sailor Blue (7-1); 3, The Minder (6-1). Caribbean Prince 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1¾l, 5l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.50; £2.70, £2.50. DF: £21.60. CSF: £31.77.

4.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Winter's Lane (A Maguire, 2-1 fav); 2, Social Climber (100-30); 3, Needs Must (9-1). 6 ran. 12l, 6l. S Pike. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £6.90. CSF: £8.69.

4.40 (2m 1f flat) 1, River Leven (J McCarthy, 20-1); 2, Going Around (Evens fav); 3, Prince Nesha (9-1). 8 ran. NR: Nanook. 1¾l, 1¾l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £19.50; £2.90, £1.10, £2.80. DF: £22.00. CSF: £39.81.

5.10 (2m 1f flat) 1, Blue Doctor (R Dunwoody, 7-4 fav); 2, Emma's Way (15-8); 3, Privilegedtoserve (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Blue Night. 7l, 30l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £5.30.

Placepot: £21.40.

☐ Jockeys and horses escaped unscathed from a pile-up in the Kingsnorth Handicap at Folkestone yesterday. Poly Screen, the mount of Richard Quinn, fell, causing Easy D'Or, Lying Eyes and Little Luke to unseat.

Luckless Williamson handed two-day ban

NORMAN Williamson was suspended for two days, April 6 and 7, for his riding of Going Around in division one of the Red Devils Open National Hunt Flat race at Newton Abbot yesterday. The luckless Williamson missed the Champion Hurdle-winning ride on Flakey Dove through suspension.

"It's been a bad day," Williamson said. "My car was clamped at Hyde Park where I was attending the Lesters awards. That cost me £38, then I was banned for trying too hard in the bumper. I will miss a good meeting at Ascot and also the first day of the Grand National meeting."

Richard Dunwoody enjoyed rather better luck, a treble on Crosula, Celcius and Blue Doctor helping him cut Adrian Maguire's lead in the jockeys' championship to 16. Maguire replied with a success on Winter's Lane, who justified support from 100-30 to 2-1 favourite in the Gunners Handicap Chase.

Philip Hobbs, the Minehead trainer, was also in form, completing a double with Dreams End and Elaine Tully.

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Brazil air skills amid flying challenges



ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

The constitution of a world-class football player would make interesting medical study. Some years ago Bob Paisley, that wise old bird of Liverpool, observed: "Air travel is like putting paraffin into the petrol tank of athletes."

Paisley, who knew more than most about the physical aspects of his sport, had wisdom beyond his words. Wisdom beyond the wit of most football managers who, it seems, are more than prepared this spring to run their finest professionals into the ground long before they reach the World Cup.

Take, for example, the Brazilians. Six of them flew out from their European clubs to perform for their country in the 2-0 victory over Argentina in Recife last Wednesday. Within 48 hours the captain, Rai, and the elegant sweeper, Ricardo, had flown back from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, and were playing for their club, Paris Saint-Germain, in a 1-0 victory over Metz.

Apparently the second victory did not take the Paris players to the limits of human endurance, but the bruising that was handed out by Argentina, whose players lapsed into the foul ways seen in 1990, will have set hard during the flight, and one doubts that there were ice packs available even to £2 million talents like Rai.

Nor was their journeying exceptional by Brazilian standards. When top players in Britain complain of a wearying coach journey from Manchester to London, imagine the Brazilians, who, in a ten-month domestic season that calls on their limbs 80 or 90 times, travel up to 3,000 miles between league matches three times a week.

Once again, one wonders how their constitution stands up to it. Yet there are players such as Junior and Cerezo still performing approaching the age of 40. Part of the secret is that they create time because of their comfort on the ball, their sense of space and movement, their ability to pace each match.

But another Brazilian, Dunga, also took on Argentina in the brutal game last Wednesday, and was in action for his German paymasters in Stuttgart by the weekend. Dunga, a nickname like those of many of the Brazilian players, translates from Portuguese into the word Dopey. Some dope. He earns close to $500,000 from Stuttgart, he finds time for family life with his wife and two children and dreams of a grandiose aftermath to his playing career. He has his heart set on creating a sports centre for under-privileged children.

He is, at the moment, a youngster, a mere 31. He is the workhorse of the Brazil team, the player who most combines Brazilian football with the willingness, the athleticism and the stamina of a European. Dunga is far from my favourite Brazilian. He represents too much the Europeanisation which threatened to overwhelm the country's fabulous touch skills in the late Seventies and Eighties. But how admirably he mixed it with the Argentine kickers, how strong in mind and body he appears in anchoring Brazil from a position in front of the back four.

Dunga is the worker for the likes of Bebeto, the sprite in attack who leapt to score both goals that broke the Argentinians. He scored them without his co-Spanish exile, Romario, to share the attacking load.

Romario angered the Brazilian camp by sending a doctor's certificate; they scarcely believed that he had a knee injury that may need surgery, after watching live on Brazilian television his performance for Barcelona a week ago.

If Romario's injury was an excuse, if it spared him some of the mileage and the lack of rest that other Brazilians had to do without, then maybe come the World Cup in June there will be a dividend.

There are workhorses like Dunga, who can travel the globe a dozen times and still give a creditable performance. And there are the geniuses like Romario, who need to be used more thoughtfully, who can rise to heights of performance if only they are allowed to arrive at the kick-off fit and fresh.

Lewis at odds with Pickard over reasons for failure

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

AS BRITAIN'S Davis Cup team face the unprecedented prospect of entering the Third World of tennis, the flak continues to fly over the players' heads. Political infighting has turned the air acrid and only a swift wind of change will blow it away.

Tony Pickard started the verbal warfare on Sunday by disclosing the thoughts that he had long held in private and delivering an ultimatum. Unless the most talented players in the country are developed more professionally, he threatens to refuse to renew his contract as the Davis Cup captain.

Richard Lewis, the head of national coaching and the principal target of Pickard's criticism, responded yesterday. "I'm not worried about personal attacks," he said, "but I'm fed up with cynical attempts to deflect the performance of the team on to other issues. That has been happening now for three years.

"As I see it, the team has been beaten twice on clay [in Hungary and in Portugal] and once on grass [in India] by opponents ranked lower than us. There has to be an assessment of why we are losing when we should be winning."

Pickard would argue that, under the present system, the players he selects are bound to be ill-equipped for clay, the surface on which most foreign ties are staged. Unless the coaching of youngsters is radically altered, the sequence of failure will inevitably continue.

Lewis counters that Pickard has changed his tune to protect himself. "What he said on Sunday was different to what he said on Thursday. Then he was completely confident of victory. People have to stop passing the buck and look in the mirror.

"Tony has been very outspoken about several of our first-class coaches, such as Olga Morozova, Ian Barclay, Ann Jones and Mark Cox, all of whom have an extensive knowledge of the world game. He seems to be slamming everyone involved in national coaching."

Since the simmering row has boiled over, the disagreements can be resolved only if fundamental changes are made. Either Pickard's recommendations are implemented to his satisfaction or Britain will lose one of its few coaches with a proven record of success, albeit with a Swedish individual, Stefan Edberg.

Pickard has already received notable support. Jeremy Bates, still the undisputed leader of the Davis Cup team, says that it is "absolutely essential" that the captain remains in charge. He added that the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) would also be "crazy" not to consult Pickard on broader matters.

Ian Peacock, the LTA chief executive describes Pickard as "the best Davis Cup captain we have". John Robbins, the LTA president since December, agrees. "I hope we can find a solution whereby we can continue to use him as the captain for the foreseeable future," he said.

Robbins indicated that one of Pickard's demands, that the professional side of the game should be handled separately within the LTA, is likely to be met. Another, that the unproductive national training centre at Bisham Abbey should be disbanded, will also probably occur in the longer term.



Lewis: response

In the short term, Britain could, as Robbins put it, "disappear into the abyss" of the Davis Cup. Once prominent among the world group (the first division), they are in group one of the Euro-African zone (the second division) but could drop into group two (the third division).

One of the founders, eight times the holders and finalists as recently as 1978, Britain must beat Romania in the relegation play-off in July to avoid the demeaning fate. The same team which struggled on Portuguese clay over the weekend promises to be on duty again.

Several venues have been discounted on the grounds that they are either unavailable or unsuitable, such as Wimbledon, Eastbourne, Bristol and Newcastle.

Wherever the tie is held, the surface is sure to be grass. Britain must trust that the team is not put out to it.

Arsenal may leave out Wright again

FROM ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT
IN PARIS



ERIC FEFFERBERG

Calderaro, right, and Ginola leap to it in training yesterday as Paris Saint-Germain prepare to play Arsenal at Parc des Princes tonight

WHEN George Graham and Artur Jorge meet as strangers in the Parc des Princes tonight, they will share a deep, almost religious philosophy. Their teams, Arsenal and Paris Saint-Germain, are the meanest defenders in European competition and they owe their meeting as semi-finalists in the Cup Winners' Cup because nobody regularly passes their midfields.

One might say, with a British accent, that it is Arsenal on Arsenal. Both men carry defence to such religious lengths that, clearly, they have read their Henry IV of France who, centuries ago, observed: "Paris is well worth a mass". Certainly they will be massing in midfield tonight.

"PSG will play with George Weah alone up front" Graham predicted, "and we will have to play the way we have all season, with patience. It's funny, but when Aston Villa play tactically against Manchester United, you all are prepared to praise them. I don't hear too much of that when Arsenal do the same."

Graham, student of the game that he is, is well aware that Arsenal, having lost just once in 16 games since the turn of the year, meet an even more immovable force in the Parisian club which is unbeaten against anyone, anywhere, since August 15 — a run of 35 matches.

And, as Graham's eye is quick to spot, PSG have built their run on conceding a mere 15 goals in 31 league games. Indeed, the records of both sides are remarkably close this season, giving new definition to the word misers.

Graham is not too happy that the French authorities assisted their club by putting the fixture against Metz forward to last Friday, but the Arsenal manager gleans one hope from his observation that the reliable defender, Alain Roche, limped out of that game, and was still lame yesterday with a twisted knee.

The Arsenal manager, believing he holds some advantage by secrecy, would name none of his side last night. "Everybody's got a chance, except David Hillier who was injured against Torino", he smiled. And told that Ian Wright had broadcast over the weekend that he was certain he would not be selected, Graham responded: "He's winding you up, definitely winding you up. But he might be right."

He probably is. Wright has not played in Arsenal's last two away games in Europe. He lacks the guile to outwit and out-think sweepers of the experience of PSG's Brazilian, Ricardo.

Smith will more than likely tackle that role, as alone as the Liberian, Weah, a prolific and athletic striker. Athleticism and steel are two of the adjectives Graham uses in his admiration for the French club. "This is a different French team", he says, "they've got steel, they're romping away with the championship, and I find their right back, Jean-Luc Sassus, six foot one and fast with it, a very exciting player."

Graham's added description of the French team as being "on a par with Parma" is going too far. The Italians are far more adventurous and dangerous. And, with Graham's humour in fine fettle yesterday I suspect there was a tongue in cheek when he blandly insisted: "PSG are very mobile in midfield, they remind me of Newcastle, the way they all bomb forward."

They remind most observers of Arsenal, who one could never accuse of bombing forward. But PSG are made of steel, they are a consistent force, and with £9 million injected by the satellite television station, Canal Plus, the same sum invested by Paris City, the Parisian club is well advanced in wrenching back for the French the respect lost a year ago when Marseilles won the European Cup, and then had to forfeit everything through the corruption scandal which still swirls around their president, Bernard Tapie.

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN (4-5-1): B Lama — J-L Sassus, Ricardo, A Kombouare, P Colleter — V Guerin, P Le Guen, Valdo, L Fournier, D Ginola — G Weah.

ARSENAL (4-5-1, probable): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn — J Jensen, K Campbell, P Davis, I Selley, P Merson — A Smith.

Blackburn close to executing overhaul

FOR 25 hours two months ago, it stood at 16 points. This morning, it is down to three, and tonight Manchester United could find their lead in the FA Carling Premiership measured only by their advantage in the goals scored column (Keith Pike writes).

Whether they go on to overhaul the champions or not, Blackburn Rovers' persistence in the face of overwhelming odds has been admirable. Tonight, Kenny Dalglish takes Rovers to Selhurst Park.

There they are assured of a stern examination from a Wimbledon team that loves nothing better than the chance to cut its so-called betters down to size. Wimbledon's victory over Leeds United on Saturday was their fourth in succession at home in the league — Newcastle United were among the others to falter there — and Manchester United themselves visit Selhurst Park on April 16. Vinnie and Co will have a say in the race to the line.

However Blackburn fare, United can re-establish a more commanding lead tomorrow when Liverpool visit Old Trafford. In the corresponding match at Anfield in January, United led 3-0 after 24 minutes before being pegged back to 3-3. That, though, is only an appetiser for the season's main course, the potentially decisive meeting between Rovers and United at Ewood Park on Saturday.

FA TROPHY: Semi-final draw: Woking or Billingham Synthonia v Sutton United or Enfield; Runcorn v Gateshead. *(1) First leg Saturday, April 16. Second leg Saturday, April 23.*

Running out of time to reverse falling standards

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

EVEN Vera Duerdin, Britain's grand old lady of cross country, is beginning to despair. "If we do not push cross country, with the world championships in Durham next year, we are wasting our time," Duerdin said, her disappointment obvious at a record low British performance in Budapest at the weekend. She has been either the England or Great Britain women's team manager at 21 of the 22 world cross country championships (the four home nations were ordered to compete as one from 1988). She has enjoyed three team victories, triumphs by Zola Budd and Paula Radcliffe, and 11 silver and bronze medal-winning performances.

But watching on Saturday was painful, although the fifth place of the junior women's team and the eleventh of Nicola Slater was some consolation. Slater is a junior for two years more. Slater and Radcliffe, who missed these championships because of injury, carry hope that next year might not be so bad when Britain are hosts for the first time since 1983. But, unless the British Athletic Federation address the problems, it deserves no more than it got last weekend.

The cross country budget is £40,000, of which half was spent sending teams to Budapest. Cross country coaching gets a mere £1,000. To think that Frank Dick has resigned because of suggestions that his track and field coaching budget might be reduced to £480,000. Money is needed for squad training, such as the Kenyans enjoy, and buying the undivided attention of Britain's best runners.

"We have got to involve the ones who would not be defined as harriers, track men like Gary Staines," Bud Baldaro, the British men's coach, said. "We need commitment and focus from our leading 12 guys." Money should be spent, too, on providing good international junior opposition for Slater in Britain. "What is the point in me running junior races against British runners if I know I am going to win easily?" Slater said. Easy races do not prepare athletes for world championships.

The broom sweeping through British athletics, including the appointment to key positions in BAF of cross country men — Ken Rickhuss as chairman and Matt Frazer as secretary — has brought fresh hope. Hope, even, that an offer of help from Kim McDonald, who manages the four Kenyans who swept the individual titles in Budapest, might be accepted.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 2
unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Swindon
1 Chelsea v South'pton
2 Coventry v Wimbledon
1 Liverpool v Sheff Utd
2 Man City v A Villa
X Norwich v Tottenham
2 Oldham v QPR
1 Sheff Wed v Everton
1 West Ham v Ipswich
Not on coupons: Blackburn v Manchester United, Leeds v Newcastle (Friday)

FIRST DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Stoke
1 Bristol C v West Brom
X Charlton v Southend
1 C Palace v Oxford
1 Derby v Barnsley
1 Luton v Peterboro
2 Middlesbro v Notts F
X Notts Co v Grimsby
1 Portsmouth v Millwall
X Sunderland v Bolton
2 Watford v Leicester
1 Wolves v Tranmere

SECOND DIVISION
2 Blackpool v Stockport
2 Brentford v Bourn'm'th
1 Cambridge v Leyton O
X Huddersfield v Hartlepool
2 Hull v York
1 Plymouth v Exeter
1 Port Vale v Fulham
1 Reading v Bristol R
X Rotherham v Bradford
1 Swansea v Cardiff
X Wrexham v Burnley
Not on coupons: Barnet v Brighton

THIRD DIVISION
2 Bury v Walsall
1 Carlisle v Darlington
2 Chester v Preston
X Doncaster v Chesterfield
2 Mansfield v Colchester
1 North'pton v Gillingham
2 Scarboro v Rochdale
X Scunthorpe v Lincoln
1 Shrewsbury v Hereford
2 Wigan v Crewe
X Wycombe v Torquay

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
X Marlow v Chesham
1 St Albans v Grays
1 Stevenage v Aylesbury
1 Sutton v Dulwich

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Dundee Utd v Celtic
1 Hibernian v St Johnstone
X Kilmarnock v Hearts
1 Motherwell v Partick
X Raith v Dundee
1 Rangers v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH FIRST
2 Airdrie v Falkirk
1 Ayr v Brechin
2 Dumbarton v St Mirren
1 Dunf'mline v Stirling
1 Hamilton v Clyde
Not on coupons: Morton v Clydebank

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v Arbroath; East Fife v Albion; Forfar v Meadowbank; Montrose v East Stirling; Queen of the South v Berwick; Queen's Park v Stranraer; Stenhousemuir v Alloa

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Norwich, Charlton, Notts County, Sunderland, Huddersfield, Rotherham, Doncaster, Scunthorpe, Wycombe, Marlow, Kilmarnock, Raith.

BEST DRAWS: Charlton, Sunderland, Rotherham, Kilmarnock, Raith.

AWAYS: Wimbledon, Aston Villa, Leicester, Walsall, Colchester

HOMES: Arsenal, Chelsea, West Ham, Luton, Wolves, Plymouth, Reading, Northampton, Shrewsbury, Motherwell, Ayr, Hamilton.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Arsenal, West Ham, Wolves, Plymouth, Northampton. Aways: Aston Villa, Walsall, Crewe. Draws: Sunderland, Rotherham, Raith.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 kick-off unless stated

FOOTBALL

* *all-ticket match*

European Cup-Winners' Cup
Semi-final, first leg
Paris Saint-Germain v Arsenal .....

FA Carling Premiership
Ipswich v Manchester City (7.45) .. ....
* Newcastle v Norwich (7.45) .....
Wimbledon v Blackburn (8.0) .....

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Sunderland (7.45) .....
Bolton v Wolverhampton .....
Grimsby v Middlesbrough (7.45) .....
Oxford Utd v Birmingham (7.45)
Peterborough v Crystal Palace.....
Tranmere v Derby .....

Second division
Bournemouth v Huddersfield (7.45) .....
Bradford v Port Vale .....
Burnley v Hull .....
Cardiff v Rotherham .....
Exeter v Barnet (7.45) .....
Fulham v Cambridge United (7.45) .....
Hartlepool v Swansea .....
Leyton Orient v Wrexham (7.45).....
Stockport v Brentford .....
York v Reading .....

Third division
Bury v Torquay .....
Chesterfield v Colchester .....
Hereford v Scunthorpe .....
Wigan v Lincoln .....
Wycombe v Darlington (7.45) .....

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bromsgrove v Telford .....
Dover v Welling (7.45) .....
Halifax v Merthyr .....
Northwich v Altrincham .....
Stalybridge v Runcorn .....
Woking v Yeovil .....P

Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v Hibernian .....
Dundee v Dundee United .....
Partick v Rangers .....

First division
Brechin v Airdrie .....
Clyde v Dumbarton .....
Clydebank v Dunfermline .....
Falkirk v Morton .....
St Mirren v Hamilton .....
Stirling v Ayr .....

FA TROPHY: Fourth-round replay: Enfield v Sutton United.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays v Stevenage, Hayes v Dulwich. First division: Abingdon Town v Maidenhead United; Billericay v Worthing; Bishop's Stortford v Tooting and Mitcham; Leyton v Berkhamsted, Windsor and Eton v Croydon. Second division: Aldershot Town v Newbury; Hemel Hempstead v Tilbury; Hungerford v Egham; Leatherhead v Banstead; Malden Vale v Lewes; Saffron Walden v Chertsey. Third division: Clapton v Royston; Epsom and Ewell v Rayleigh Heath; Kingsbury v Bracknell; Leighton v Northwood; Southall v Camberley

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Matlock; Leek v Winsford. First division: Gretna v Great Harwood; Radcliffe v Lancaster; Warrington v Farsley Celtic. First division Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Bamber Bridge v Alfreton.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham v Farnborough, Crawley v Halesowen; Waterlooville v Hastings (7.45). Midland division: Armitage v Grantham; RC Warwick v Bedworth; Tamworth v Evesham; Weston-super-Mare v Stourbridge. Southern division: Ashford v Braintree, Baldock v Witney Buckingham v Newport IOW; Fisher '93 v Wealdstone; Sudbury v Erith and Belvedere. Dr Martens Cup final: First leg: Sudbury v Grasley.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay v Bangor; Flint v Newtown; Mold v Holywell

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Aston Villa (7.0, Liverpool v Sheffield United (7.0); Notts County v Everton (7.0). Second division: Manchester City v Grimsby (6.45).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Southampton (7.0); Watford v Swindon Town.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale v Pontypool (7.0); Moseley v Coventry; Nuneaton v Nottingham (7.15). Pontypridd v Abertillery (7.0).

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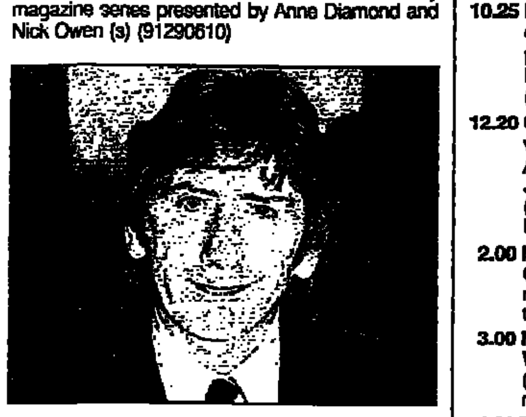
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10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (91290610)



Best-selling author James Herbert (12.15pm)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers is joined by the horror novelist James Herbert (1549523) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (20027368)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (73639)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (67017894) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** presented by Janice Long (s) (67011610)
2.15 Columbo: Publish or Perish. Crime writer Mickey Spillane appears as a novelist marked for death by his publisher. With Peter Falk. (Ceefax) (9618981)
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5.00 Newsround (2842813) **5.10 Dark Season.** Sci-fi adventure (r) (Ceefax) (6240165)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (580558). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) and weather (287)
6.30 Regional news magazines (639). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Holiday. Sue Cook hires a barge to cruise along the Canal du Midi in France; Paul Gogarty gets away to an Indian Ocean desert island in the Maldives and Jill Dando visits Blackpool in the centenary year of the Tower. (Ceefax) (s) (2097)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (523)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull reveal the tricks of the television programme makers (842733)
8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (385691)
8.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (Ceefax) (757900)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional News and weather (9558)
9.30 Crimewatch File Sue Cook explores the special relationship police established with the victims of a rapist and their attacker. Rapist Tony Snow wrote his three victims letters expressing his sorrow after being caught. (Ceefax) (s) (630287). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Crimewatch File 10.55 Omnibus 11.45 The Easter Stories 12.00-2.20am Film: Hurry Sundown
10.25 CHOICE **Omnibus: Hildegard.** (Ceefax) (s) (317702) **Northern Ireland:** Home Truths 11.05 The Hungry Eye 11.35 Omnibus 12.25am The Easter Stories 12.40am-1.05 Best of British
11.15 The Easter Stories: Mary's Tale. Helen Lederer presents a light-hearted look at Mary Magdalene and her life with the Messiah. (Ceefax) (s) (641981)
11.30 FILM: Hurry Sundown (1967). Michael Caine and Jane Fonda star in this drama about a farmer who returns to his home in Georgia after the war to find it threatened with a takeover by a property developer. Directed by Otto Preminger (57659981)
1.50am-1.55 Weather (3229653) **2.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club** (32653) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (82176). Ends at 3.45

BBC2

6.45 Open University. Technology: For Your Information (5904691)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4341523)
8.15 Westminster Daily (3789639)
9.00 FILM: The Red Pony (1949). A boy seeks escape from his bickering family in the love of his pony in this adaptation of John Steinbeck's novel. Starring Robert Mitchum. Directed by Lewis Milestone (8049707)
10.25 FILM: Nickelodeon (1976). Comedy about the early days of movie-making when the most unlikely people became stars. With Ryan O'Neal and Burt Reynolds. Directed by Peter Bogdanovich (27025097)
12.20 Consuming Passions. Ian Parmenter makes vodka penne (7809436) **12.30 Signs of the Times.** A look at taste inside British homes (9717542) **1.20 Just So Stories.** *How the Whale got his Throat* (r) (21282374) **1.30 Rupert the Bear** (55184707) **1.35 Ever Thought of Sport?** Windsurfing (47945469)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Edvard Grieg's Mountain Odyssey.** The travels and music of Grieg (9523) **2.30 See Hear!** Magazine for the hearing impaired (r) (s) (900)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Prime Minister's questions. (Ceefax) (1772207) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9499894)
4.00 Today's the Day. Nostalgia quiz with Martyn Lewis (s) (252)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh language drama with English subtitles (s) (436). **Wales:** Keen on the Past
5.00 Film 94 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (2225)
5.30 FILM: The Treasure Seekers (1977). Two friends search for the legendary treasure of Henry Morgan the pirate. With Rod Taylor and Stuart Whitman. Directed by Henry Levin (8925165)
6.55 Young Musician of the Year. Sarah Greene introduces the string semi-final from the Birmingham Conservatoire (s) (398981)
7.35 Seven Last Words from the Cross. Fourth of seven films on the Passion of Christ by Scottish composer James MacMillan (s) (894504)
7.45 CHOICE **Assignment: Naked Washington.** (Ceefax) (830788)
8.30 Food and Drink. A classic Greek recipe for moussaka plus advice on how to chose wines for a wedding reception. With Chris Kelly, Michael Barry, Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke (s) (8894)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Science fiction drama series. Sam leaps into the shoes of a housewife arrested after attending a feminist rally in 1968. (Ceefax) (s) (584813)



Naheed Ejaz and two of her daughters (9.45pm)

9.45 40 Minutes: Wonderful Land. Two women face life-changing problems: Ann Alty is angry that her husband has lost his job; Naheed Ejaz has been threatened with deportation (Ceefax) (166707)
10.25 Party Political Broadcast by the Labour Party (Ceefax) (473981)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (376417)
11.15 The Late Show. With country music star Garth Brooks (s) (891436). **Wales:** Pitch Invasion 11.25-11.55 Shot in a Shoebox **11.55 Weather** (614184)
12.00 Catalysts Against Pollution (2827301)
12.25am-1.30 Computer-Aided Design (5723905)

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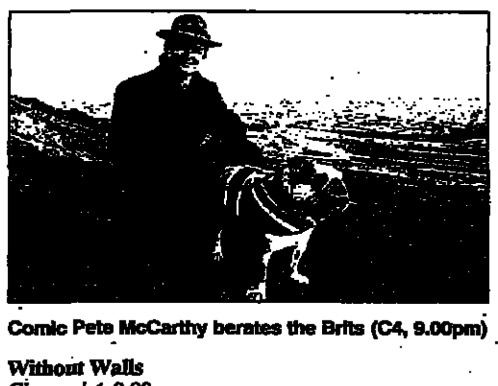
CHOICE

Omnibus: Hildegard
BBC1, 10.25pm (Scotland: Thursday, 11.35pm)

Patricia Routledge and the writer-director James Runcie previously collaborated on an exquisite documentary drama about the novelist Barbara Pym. Moving back to the 12th century, they now tackle the story of Hildegard, the German nun who split from her monastery to set up her own convent at Bingen on the Rhine. Her rebellion started when she supported a novice who had been accused of witchcraft. Hildegard compounded her offence in the eyes of the church by burying a soldier in consecrated ground. For six months her nuns were denied communion and their music was banned. Runcie's stylishly-shot film celebrates a figure of whom modern feminists can be proud and Routledge gives her convincing substance. In addition to her other distinctions Hildegard was a prolific composer and much of the music used in the film is her own.

Network First: A Modern Miracle?
ITV, 10.45pm

For eight years George Hamilton, a devout Roman Catholic from Glasgow, has carried the marks of Christ's crucifixion. He has bleeding wounds on his hands, feet and neck and can only take in food through a tube. Since St Francis of Assisi, the first recorded case, there have been only 300 genuine stigmatics. But the numbers are growing and Ted Harrison's report also features Heather Woods, a deacon in Lincoln, and an Irish housewife, Christina Gallagher. The physical manifestations are real enough but doctors are puzzled, the Roman Catholic Church is cautious and the Bishop of Durham is sceptical. The journalist Edward Pearce is more forthright. He thinks it is a consequence of pious delusion. People passionate wanting to believe in something deep in their religious culture and what they wish for they achieve. There is also the tricky question of whether stigmatics can *perform miracles. The* best-known stigmatic of the 20th century, the Italian Padre Pio, is said to have powers of healing. Harrison picks his way tactfully through highly sensitive territory.



Comic Pete McCarthy berates the Brits (C4, 9.00pm)

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

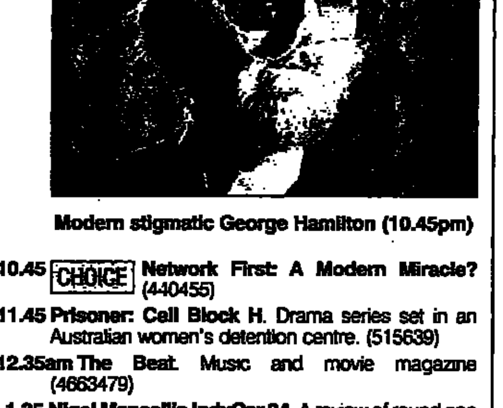
Two contributions to Channel 4's French season assess the wider impact of the Channel tunnel. The more subversive comes from the comedian Pete McCarthy. To those who fear that the tunnel will import rabies from the Continent, he retorts that Europeans have more to fear from the cultural rabies going in the other direction: our rudeness, lack of hygiene, dreadful food and what McCarthy calls a "tasteless and tawdry way of life". Whether you agree or not it is a perceptive film and a very funny one. In the other item the great Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel (played by Roger Lloyd Pack) returns to earth to offer his thoughts on the tunnel. He even gets to shake the hand of Baroness Thatcher, who is played by herself.

Assignment: Naked Washington
BBC2, 7.45pm

In a programme postponed from last month but thanks to the Whitewater case still topical, Marlin Fitzwalter, press secretary to Presidents Reagan and Bush, examines the changing relationship between the media and the White House. The relentless coverage of Bill Clinton's alleged private misdemeanours, sexual and financial, is a far cry from the days of John F. Kennedy. In those days reporters were willing concentrated on the president's policies and ignore private life. Kennedy's many mistresses did not become public knowledge until long after he was dead. Fitzwalter argues that relations soured during and because of the Vietnam War and Watergate. He demonstrates how these episodes produced a media distrust of the presidency and a climate of confrontation from which most subsequent incumbents have suffered. The exception is Ronald Reagan, who mastered the art of by-passing the media and going straight to the people. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment (8674184)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw Celebrity quiz show (s) (3128165)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (8205146)
10.00 Step by Step. American domestic comedy (24875)
10.30 This Morning Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the weekday magazine (32931417) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7896962)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) Weather (9968900)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9963691)
1.25 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (57520504)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter gets to grips with birds of prey at the National Birds of Prey Centre in Gloucestershire. Plus, a phobic's eye view of snakes and how rats and mice shape up as pets (Teletext) (41545423)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (93472455) **2.50 The Young Doctors.** Hospital drama (6215455)
3.20 News (Teletext) and weather (8742287) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8741558)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (4691271) **3.40 Tots TV** (r) (s) (9497436) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (9486320) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (5352788) **4.15 Mike and Angelo** (s) (9272287) **4.40 Finders Keepers** Game show with Neil Buchanan (s) (6091900)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (4322558)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) and weather (758542)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) Weather (251691)
6.55 Emmerdale Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Teletext) (716707)
7.25 The European Match Live: Paris St. Germain v Arsenal (10402271)
9.30 Gangsters. This programme, the last in the series, takes a look at police corruption. John Symonds, a uniformed officer, served two years for corruption When he came out of jail he became Britain's only police supergrass and pointed the finger at more than 100 of his former colleagues. (56813)
10.00 Party Election Broadcast by the Labour Party (107436)
10.05 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald (Teletext) Weather (236252)
10.35 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (870368)



Modern stigmatic George Hamilton (10.45pm)

10.45 CHOICE **Network First: A Modern Miracle?** (440455)
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's detention centre. (515639)
12.35am The Beat. Music and movie magazine (4663479)
1.35 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94. A review of round one of the IndyCar World Series from Australia (1733382)
2.05 FILM: When Angels Fly (1983). A nurse sets out to investigate the death of her handicapped sister after an affair with a doctor. With Jennifer Dale. Directed by Jack Nixon-Browne (1986301)
3.30 America's Top Ten. This week's chart topping albums and singles (s) (57479)
4.00 The Little Picture Show presented by Mariella Frostrup. Includes a review the video release of *The Fugitive*, starring Harrison Ford and an interview its director Andrew Davies. Plus a profile of Mel Gibson. (81437)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American film reviews (r) (88214)
5.30 Morning News (61498). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex. Cartoon (r) (3312233)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (56962)
9.00 For Better or For Worse. Animation (93702)
9.30 Sharky and George. Cartoon about two fishy detectives (r) (1847184)
9.55 California Dreams. American teen drama (4989504)
10.20 The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (r) (1407436)
10.40 Gamesmaster. Computer and video games reviewed Includes the former *EastEnders* star Sean Maguire taking part in the game "Striker" (r) (8163252)
11.10 Tintin. Final part of the cartoon story featuring Hergé's hero(r) (5042788)
11.35 The Legend of White Fang. Animation based on the adventures of Jack London's canine hero (r) (8685455)
12.05 House to House. Political magazine presented by Maya Even (3553287)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early learning series Paul Simon is the guest (80097)
1.30 Widget Animation (r) (33962)
2.00 FILM: Little Nellie Kelly (1940, b/w). Twenty years after her mother died in childbirth a girl patches up a rift between her father and grandfather when she falls in love. Judy Garland stars in this musical whose songs include "Singing in the Rain" and "Danny Boy". With George Murphy and Charles Winninger. Directed by Norman Taurog (592766)
3.50 Iron Horse Animation in homage to the cinema pioneer Eadweard Muybridge (3243252)
3.55 Crawshaw Paints On Holiday. The first of a six-part series in which Alwyn Crawshaw paints in Majorca (r) (7365813)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley and Carol Vorderman (Teletext) (s) (504)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Snoring could indicate a sleep disorder, according to a sleep clinic psychologist. (Teletext) (s) (1350078)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy Cartoon version of the comic duo (475813)
6.00 Batman The Dynamic Duo meet the Riddler, disguised as Charlie Chaplin with a neat line in chainsaws (487)
6.30 Phenom. American comedy about a teenage tennis prodigy. (Teletext) (s) (349)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext) Weather (911981)
7.50 The French Connection A French viewer living in the UK gives a personal opinion of the British (Teletext) (184639)
8.00 The Long Summer: New Styles of Architecture. Alan Bennett looks at the development of British architecture after the Great War (r). (Teletext) (4455)
8.30 The Brief A critical look at Britain's legal system With reporters David Jessel, Callum Macrae and Juliette Foster. (Teletext) (3962)
9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: Cultural Rabies** (9368) **9.30 The Great Bore** (Teletext) (54455)



Anglade and Dalle in happier times (10.00pm)

10.00 FILM: Betty Blue (1986). A French film with English subtitles directed by Jean-Jacques Beineix. Betty, a beautiful, free-spirited girl, enters the life of Zorg, a struggling writer working as a handyman at the seaside. Together they set off for Paris where Betty is certain Zorg will become a famous writer. But a dark shadow comes over their relationship because of Betty's obsessive behaviour. With Jean-Hughes Anglade and Beatrice Dalle. (6234894)
1.25am Sophisticated Lady. Concert by Adelaide Hall, an important figure in black American music (r) (s) (4528450) Ends at **2.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Story of Pop **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Cantabile Sing, the Big Band Swing! **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** The Decca Record Story **10.00** Katie and Friends (r) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** The 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, incl at **10.04** Out and About, and at **11.15** Eco-live **12.00** Midday with Mar, incl at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.00** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** the day's sport **7.35** Football Plus **10.00** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00-5.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** World today **7.30** World Ranking **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf. The Exclamation Mark **8.30** New Ideas **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** World News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Alexis Korner **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sport **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Discovery **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf The Exclamation Mark **3.45** Top Scores **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** World Today **6.30** News and features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Word of Faith **9.15** World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sport **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** Concert Hall **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** What's Mews? **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '94 **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Joan Thirkettle **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Anglia News and Weather (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (7896962) **1.55** A Country Practice (67012349) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8741558) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4322558) **6.00** Home and Away (748271) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (241829) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (691) **10.35-10.45** Anglia News and Weather (870368) **12.40am** Triple Echo (555363) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3568721) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2029585) **4.15** Jobfinder (8213030) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (88214)

CENTRAL
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Central News (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7896962) **1.55** Shortland Street (67012349) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8215455) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8741558) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (4322558) **6.00** Home and Away (748271) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (241829) **7.30-8.00** Tuesday Special (691) **10.35-10.45** Central News and Weather (870368) **11.45** Central Sports Special (446639) **12.45am** The Powers That Be (7535547) **1.20** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (6488061) **1.50** The Big E (2690301) **2.40** Riviera (3530769) **3.10** The Beat (2005905) **4.05** Jobfinder (2055030) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2629721)

HTV WEST
As London except: **9.55-10.00** HTV West Headlines (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (7896962) **1.55** A Country Practice (67012349) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8741558) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (4322558) **5.55** Home and Away (408542) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (241829) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (691) **10.35-10.45** HTV West Headlines and Weather (870368) **12.40am** Triple Echo (555363) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3568721) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2029585) **4.15** Jobfinder (8213030) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (88214)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **9.55-10.00** HTV News (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News and Weather (7896962) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (8741558) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (241829) **7.30-8.00** Grass Roots (691) **10.35-10.45** HTV News and Weather (870368)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7896962) **1.55** A Country Practice (67012349) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (8215455) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8741558) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (472726) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (455) **6.30-7.00** Southern Gold (707) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (691) **10.35-10.45** Meridian News and Weather (870368) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (88214)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Westcountry Latest (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (7896962) **1.55** The Young Doctors (41545423) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (93463707) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8741558) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (51368) **7.30-8.00** Fat Man Goes West (691) **10.35-10.45** Westcountry Latest (870368) **12.30am** My Story (7817818) **12.40** Triple Echo (555363) **2.25** The Little Picture Show (3568721) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (2029585) **4.15** Jobfinder (8213030) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (88214)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (8205146) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale: Network North (7896962) **1.55** A Country Practice (67012349) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News (8741558) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (178894) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (707) **7.30-8.00** Married with Children (691) **10.35-10.45** Calendar News (870368) **11.45** Meditations for Holy Week (463815) **12.00am** Mayday at 40,000 Feet! (934653) **1.45** The Little Picture Show (681856) **2.45** The Twilight Zone (9726011) **3.10** Sport AM (8359160) **4.10** Stage Three (4363699) **5.05-5.30** Jobfinder (6821740)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (56962) **9.00** For Better Or For Worse (93702) **9.30** Sharky And George (1847184) **9.55** California Dreams (4989504) **10.20** The Adventures Of Super Mario Brothers (1407436) **10.40** Gamesmaster (8163252) **11.10** Tintin (5042788) **11.35** The Legend Of White Fang (8685455) **12.05pm** The Lone Ranger (3553267) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (34691) **1.00** The Royal Collection (86349) **1.30** Nature Perfected (33962) **2.00** The Late Late Show (23146) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8172423) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (9484962) **4.00** Slot 23 (9740423) **4.05** Troi A Throi (8495356) **4.15** Manawydan (9270829) **4.40** Chwedlau (7608962) **5.00** Moviewatch (8271) **5.30** Countdown (184) **6.00** Newyddion (835271) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (728542) **6.25** Heno (168271) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5707) **7.30** Gwalia Yng Nghasia (233) **8.00** Mas O Diwn (4455) **8.30** Newyddion (3962) **9.00** Cutting Edge (3813) **10.00** The Golden Girls (25455) **10.30** Dim Tafod (66639) **11.30** Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (78368) **12.30am** Kiss My Baadasssss (48059)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University 6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young. Including C.P.E. Bach; Humperdinck; G. Gabrieli; Strauss; Schubert
9.00 Composer of the Week: Poulenc
10.00 Musical Encounters from Glasgow. Mary Miller introduces Fauré; Janácek; Haydn; **11.20** Artist of the Week: Alexander Gibson conducts Dvořák
12.00 Music Restored: A recital by the ensemble Sinnu (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Hallé Orchestra under Kent Nagano, with Jean-Michel Bertelli, clarinet, performs Debussy; Ravel; Stravinsky
2.35 Miserere Mei, Deus: BBC Singers under Simon Joly perform Lenten choral music
4.10 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs Tchaikovsky; Mendelssohn
5.00 The Music Machine: Errollyn Wallen talks to conductors, including Christopher Gayford
5.15 In Tune, with Beti George. Including at **6.30** Haydn (Cello Concerto in C), and at **7.03** Saint-Saëns (Bassoon Sonata in G)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev performs a concert of Russian music from the Barbican Hall in London. Nikolai Karetnikov (Symphony No 4); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2 in G minor: Dmitry Sitkovetsky). **8.30** Michael Hall on Shostakovich's Sixth Symphony. **8.50** Shostakovich (Symphony No 6)
9.25 Romantic Fantasies: Lars Vogt, piano, performs Liszt; Schumann (r)
10.45 Night Waves: A first night review of Turgenev's *A Month in the Country*
11.30 Haydn and Français: Ulster Orchestra under Nicholas Braithwaite performs Haydn
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross
10.00-10.30 News; Through My Eyes (FM only)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Phoenix and the Carpet (LW only), by E Nesbit (2/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Quote... Unquote
12.55 Weather 1.00 World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Going Home
2.30 Singing for a Living
3.00-10.05 Test Match Special (LW only): West Indies v England
3.00 News; Anderson Country (FM only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only): the author B. Traven
4.45 Short Story: Box and Cotton (FM only), by Colin Burrough
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather **5.45 Party Political Broadcast** by the Labour Party **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)
6.30 The Board Game (FM only)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers (FM only)
7.20 File on 4 (FM only)
8.00 Science Now (FM only)
8.30 Cult Classics (FM only) (r)
9.00 In Touch: New pedestrian crossings (FM only)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (FM only) (r)
9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (FM only until 10.05)
10.45 Book at Bedtime. Lipstick on the Host (4/7)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30-12.00 Four Corners (FM only): Travel magazine (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
This is the birthday concert that William Walton cannot himself enjoy; he died 11 years ago. But Walton devotees can symbolically light the 92 candles on the cake by tuning in tonight. The recordings, introduced by John Julius Norwich, have been intelligently chosen to demonstrate the wide range of his music-making. There's the suite from his score for Olivier's *Henry V*; his Cello Concerto (Piatigorsky as soloist); his captivating *Facade* (Prunella Scales and Timothy West narrating), and the Hindemith variations — Walton's tribute to the composer he much admired.

Thirty Minute Theatre: Going Home. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
There's a juggling trick that playwrights attempt at their peril — keeping past, present and future in the air at one and the same time. Lynda Greenaway has pulled it off, and what's more, in her first radio play. It is a microcosm of regenerative family life, with motherhood firmly planted at its core. Only in the closing minutes do we learn why Marion (Jillie Meers) is obsessed with the desire to be physically reunited with her dead mother (Pauline Yates). **Peter Davalle**

WAKE UP TO A CLASSIC BREAKFAST SHOW.
DAILY 6-9AM.
CLASSIC FM 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (48938542) **8.45** Cartoons (8432146) **9.30** Card Sharks (6472417) **9.55** Concentration (6480436) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (4617610) **10.30** Love at First Sight (68184) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (99691) **12.00** Urban Peasant (56436) **12.30pm** E Street (72829) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (97184) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (81184) **3.00** Another World (8136639) **3.50** DJ Kat (3416894) **5.00** Star Trek (9788) **6.00** Games World (5691) **6.30** E Street (9271) **7.00** M*A*S*H (4207) **7.30** Full House (5455) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (32271) **9.00** Melrose Place (29707) **10.00** Star Trek (22894) **11.00** Untouchables (10184) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (28856) **1.00am** Night Court (26059) **1.30-2.00** In Living Color (55059)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (5438418) **9.30** Nightline (94875) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (77610) **11.30** Japan Business (33078) **12.30pm** News/Business (86726) **1.30** CBS News (89455) **2.30** Parliament (77900) **4.30** News/Business (2368) **5.00** Live at Five (357504) **7.30** Target (3097) **9.30** Talkback (87707) **11.30** CBS News (58146) **12.30am** ABC News (53189) **1.30** Target (18363) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (88769) **3.30** Talkback (83214) **4.30** Target (46634) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (40130)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1800287)
10.00 American Flyers (1985) David Grant and Kevin Costner as rival cyclists (70417)
12.00 A Family for Joe (1990) Robert Mitchum helps young orphans (66287)
2.00pm Three Sailors and a Girl (1953): Musical comedy (13146)
4.00 The Shakiest Gun in the West (1968): Comedy western, with Don Knotts (7320)
6.00 American Flyers (as 10am) (25610)
8.00 Dying to Love You (1993) Psychological thriller, with Tim Matheson (38455)
10.00 Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter (1991): A radio soap opera plot mirrors real life. With Barbara Hershey (674252)
11.50 Deathstalker III: The Warriors from Hell (1988): Barbarians run amok (813423)
1.15am Another You (1991): Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor embezzle a billion (788905)
2.50 Lock Up Your Daughters (1969) Debauchery in the 18th-century (402634)
4.30-6.00 A Family for Joe (as noon) (41189)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Roaring Twenties (1939, b/w). Cagney and Bogart play out their lives in gangster-ridden New York (75338)
8.00 Being There (1979): Peter Sellers plays a homespun philosopher (21907610)
10.05 Sudden Impact (1983): Clint Eastwood in formulaic cop drama (877829). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Easy to Love (1953). Acquatic Esther Williams finds romance (17829)
8.00 Treasure Island. Animation (38788)
9.00 The Wind in the Willows (37900)
10.00 Hell's Island (1955): Buried treasure attracts crooks to a Caribbean island (74287)
12.00 Little Norse Prince Valiant (66829)
2.00pm The Man Who Never Was (1955): An elaborate Allied plot to confuse the enemy (11788)
4.00 Lost in the Barrens (1990). Wilderness adventure (5962)
6.00 Treasure Island (as 8am) (73558)
7.00 The Wind in the Willows (16233)
8.00 Traces of Red (1992): Murder thriller, with James Belushi (36097)
10.00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer (1992): Stars Kristy Swanson, Rutger Hauer (15788)
11.30 Into the Badlands (1991) Bruce Dern plays a ruthless bounty hunter (25894)
1.00am Strays (1992) Horror (2564363)
2.25 Does This Mean We're Married? (1992) Patsy Kensit enters a marriage of convenience with Stephane Freiss (718672)
4.00-5.30 Lost in the Barrens (as 4pm) (24158)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (52184) **7.30** Soccer News (7512436) **7.45** WWF Superstars (7666523) **8.30** Snowboarding (48417) **9.00** Prime Bodies (62097) **9.30** Basketball: Phoenix Suns v Charlotte Hornets (78558) **11.30** Motorcycling: Australian Grand Prix (46417) **1.00pm** FA Premiership Football: Sheffield v West Ham (29368) **3.00** Cricket: England v West Indies (271610) **5.30** Soccer News (914146) **5.45** Cricket: England v West Indies (53787233) **10.30** Soccer News (135287) **10.45** Football Show (873894) **11.45-1.45am** Nascar Racing (595928)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Aerobics (39287) **8.00** Skating (23184) **10.00** Cross-Country (55271) **11.00** Eurogoals (42707) **12.00** Ice Hockey (79829) **1.00pm** Eurofun (46523) **1.30** Tennis (287271) **4.00** Eurogoals (35894) **5.00** Football: Zambia v Sierra Leone (58894) **7.00** News (760813) **7.15** Football: Senegal v Guinea (882829) **9.15** Eurotennis (163829) **11.15** Snooker (865875) **12.15-12.30am** News (9519176)

UK GOLD
7.00am Sullivans (3099558) **7.30** Neighbours (9711962) **7.55** Sons/Daughters (9729981) **8.25** EastEnders (4043320) **9.00** The Bill (7445829) **9.30** Jemima Shore (8385707) **10.30** Wings (3142691) **11.30** Sullivans (5892900) **12.00** Sons/Daughters (7362165) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7947610) **1.00** EastEnders (3098829) **1.30** The Bill (7946981) **2.00** Shelley (4830981) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5937271) **3.00** Knots Landing (9936368) **3.55** Dynasty (7642271) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3517894) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14115523) **5.55** Sykes (7014271) **6.30** EastEnders (5929252) **7.00** Adrian Mole (4841097) **7.30** Brush Strokes (5825436) **8.00** Shelley (4827417) **8.30** Growing Pains of PC Penrose (4389879) **9.05** Callan (7833287) **10.00** The Bill (7353894) **10.30** Carroll's Lib (4389829) **11.10** Top of the Pops (2814523) **11.50** Dr Who (1174078) **12.20-1.50am** FILM: Intrigue (1947, b/w) Crime thriller, set in postwar Saigon (80939672)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Drobes Time (82900) **7.00** RatKan II (6318455) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (685271) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (684542) **8.15** Head to Head (9475829) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (94487) **9.00** Bobby's World (85349) **9.30** Ghostbusters (14962) **10.00** Around the World (20184) **10.30** Castle of Adventure (84233) **11.00** Dinoriders (84184) **11.30** Finder (85813) **12.00** He-Man (94423) **12.30pm** Dungeons and Dragons (25078) **1.00** You Can't Do That on TV (59184) **1.30** Mr Bogus (24349) **2.00** Potsworth (8097) **2.30** Noggin the Nog (8373078) **2.40** Crystal Tipps (3657962) **2.45** Babar (202097) **3.15** RatKan II (4094788) **3.20** Manu (4008981) **3.30** Ernest (6224829) **3.35** Special Link (5723233) **3.45** Spiff and Hercules (6130436) **3.55** Head to Head (4330320) **4.00** Beakman (4900) **4.30-5.30** T-Rex (7964)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (1037542) **7.15** Hero Turtles (547441) **7.45** Rugrats (997982) **8.15** Rocko (1617342) **8.30** Speed Racer (42287) **9.00** Ultraman (60639) **9.30** Visionaries (89252) **10.00** Legends (30207) **10.30** Galaxy High (59523) **11.00** Chipmunks (24788) **11.30** Batfink (25417) **12.00** Monkees (40875) **12.30pm** Galaxy High (90368) **1.00** Clarissa (59097) **1.30** Land of the Lost (99639) **2.00** Bluo (5813) **2.30** Pete, Pete (3252) **3.00** Galaxy High (4320) **3.30** Hero Turtles (5097) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (4504) **4.30** Rugrats (5748) **5.00** Clarissa (6165) **5.30** Thriller (4368) **6.00** Doug (4981) **6.30-7.00** Monkees (5233)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (5926165) **4.30** Coral Reef (5922349) **5.00** Going Places (90725542) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (2662504) **7.00** Durrell in Russia (4849639) **7.30** The Beerhunter (5923078) **8.00** The Astronomers (4921287) **8.30** Arthur C. Clarke (4837894) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9541558) **10.00** Disappearing Worlds (9448417) **11.00-12.00** Realm of Darkness (3993320)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM. In the Doghouse (1961, b/w) Leslie Phillips as a new vet (9454184) **1.50** FILM: Brigadoon (1954). Classic musical (94498707) **3.50** Dodo (34560252) **4.00** Flying Nun (5913691) **4.30** My Three Sons (5919875) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4929829) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5933455) **6.00** Invisible Man (5930368) **6.30** Torchy (5914320) **7.00** Partridge Family (9469900) **8.00** Avengers (9445320) **9.00** FILM: Get Carter (1971). Thriller, with Michael Caine (9455707) **11.00** Mary Hartman (5878320) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (9376287)

UK LIVING
7.00am Living (3061417) **8.00** Your Baby (4828691) **8.30** Bon Voyage (4827962) **9.00** Dr Ruth (4841542) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1257078) **10.30** Young and Restless (1448964) **11.30** American Pie (5912146) **12.00** Stars and Signs (80045368) **12.15pm** Living (21458349) **12.30** Housecalls (8254417) **1.00** First Time Planting (8234558) **1.30** Bon Voyage (8253788) **2.00** Agony Hour (8245829) **3.00** Living (2749097) **3.45** Gladrags (71951078) **4.00** Definition (4468894) **4.30** Infatuation (4464078) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (6403455) **5.30** Fame/Fortune (7742436) **5.45** Kilroy (5892455) **6.30** Real McCoy (4469523) **7.00** Material World (6483691) **7.30** That's Amore (4465707) **8.00** Young and Restless (3363962) **9.00** FILM. Fyre. A girl descends into prostitution (76639368) **10.35** Fame/Fortune (3659981) **11.00** Cagney and Lacey (6148707) **12.00-1.00am** Agony Hour (3041653)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Brother Jake (9349) **5.30** Black Stallion (1436) **6.00** Wonder Years (8349) **6.30** Catchphrase (5829) **7.00** All Clued Up (2813) **7.30** Pyramid (1813) **8.00** Cats Eyes (25851) **9.00** Lou Grant (96417) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (44982) **10.30** Evening Shade (95962) **11.00** Remington Steele (96233) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (37194)

TNT
Theme, Winning the War
7.00pm Battle Circus (1953, b/w): Love story set in the Korean War (91153175)
8.45 The Twenty-Fifth Hour (1967). Melodrama, set in Romania (93717287)
10.55 Escape (1940, b/w). An American frees his mother from the Nazis (42475542)
12.55am The Beginning or the End? (1947, b/w). Semi-documentary account of the making of the atomic bomb (56535699)
3.05 Secret Enemies (1942, b/w): FBI agents track Nazi spies in America (74929363). Ends at **5.00**

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Spirited England must seize rare chance



Caddick: incisive

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN PORT OF SPAIN

COME this evening, the health of English cricket may seem miraculously transformed. Events at the Queen's Park Oval here in Trinidad today can deliver relief from a sequence of six overseas Test defeats and resuscitate an ailing series. Seldom can so much, for so many, have depended on a single day's play.

Only a few days ago, this position was unthinkable. England had not competed in the first two Tests and the familiar, depressing inquests into the state of the English game had started. The remainder of this tour stretched ahead, bleak and joyless.

After three days, the horizons are infinitely more appealing. England could, and should, complete victory in this third Test sometime late today and go to Barbados, next week, only 2-1 down with two to play.

This would not, of course, signal an end to England's troubles any more convincingly than it would indicate that West Indies are on the slide. But this game has emphasised that England always have a chance on a poor pitch against opponents who routinely beat them on a good one. It has also confirmed that this West Indies team, although methodical and committed, lacks the inspiration of its predecessors.

Contrary to common preconception, this is not an experienced West Indies side. Seven of the 11, as opposed to only five of England's, have played fewer than 20 Tests. The difference is that the four senior West Indians share 299 caps, more than the entire England team. Their direction and performance is critical and here, Curtly Ambrose honorably exempted, it has been conspicuously lacking.

Richie Richardson has led the team eccentrically from the moment he chose to bat first to the casual drive which dismissed him on Sunday afternoon, setting off a chain of needless, sacrificial strokes. Desmond Haynes was not only a poor influence when he briefly took over the captaincy in the field, he has also shown unacceptable flashes of temper and failed to impose himself with the bat.

While Ambrose has bowled better in each innings of the series, Courtney Walsh has posed comparatively little threat since his memorable

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two-hour spell on the third evening of the first Test. Over the weekend, there were even times when West Indies looked a one-man attack, something that could never have been said of them during the past 18 years.

It is a dangerous assumption to make, even now, because this match is not over. West Indies, 67 runs ahead with their top five batsmen gone, are desperately placed but one does not need to delve far back into the record books to be reminded of how often they reserve their most devastating cricket for just such occasions.

Two years ago, in Bridgetown, South Africa were 123 for 2, needing only another 67 for a famous victory on their return to Test cricket. They lost their last eight wickets to Ambrose and Walsh for 25 runs. Last January, in Adelaide, Ambrose and Walsh were again the heroes as Australia, needing 186 for the match and the series, were beaten by one run.

So write off this team at your peril. If England are obliged to pursue anything above 150, on a pitch where the bounce can only become even more malicious, West Indies may not lose this one, either.

But England deserve reward for the spirit that triumphantly survived the low point of defeat in Georgetown and their position owes much to some of the fringe selections, such as Graham Thorpe, for his stoical innings, Andy Caddick, for two incisively accurate spells of seam bowling, and the irrepressible Ian Salisbury.

And if they can win, it will be a form of recompense for the injustice suffered here four years ago, when injury, rain and cynical time-wasting conspired to deprive them as they chased a target of 151. But Robin Smith's forearm is bruised and swollen after his unwitting part in Jimmy Adams's dismissal late on Sunday evening. No one can be sure he will be able to grip a bat. Oh, and the locals believe it is about to rain.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 252 (R B Richardson 83; A R C Fraser 4 for 49, C C Lewis 4 for 61).

Second Innings

D L Haynes b Lewis	19
*R B Richardson c and b Caddick	3
B C Lara c Salisbury b Caddick	12
K L T Arthurton c Stewart b Caddick	42
J C Adams c Russell b Salisbury	43
S Chanderpaul not out	1
Extras (b 8, lb 8, nb 7)	23
Total (5 wkts, 50.4 overs)	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-37, 3-51, 4-131, 5-143.

BOWLING: Fraser 16-5-40-0 (nb 1), Caddick 16-4-27-3 (nb 1); Lewis 13-3-26-1 (nb 7); Salisbury 5.4-0-34-1.

ENGLAND First Innings 328 (G P Thorpe 86; C E L Ambrose 5 for 60).

Taylor set to become manager at Wolves

BY CHRIS MOORE

GRAHAM Taylor, conspicuous by his absence during a self-imposed exile from football over the last four months, returns to the domestic game today as the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The former England manager has been lying low with a tarnished reputation since resigning the post in November after his side's failure to qualify for the World Cup finals in the United States this summer.

But he flew home early yesterday from a coaching engagement in Spain for talks in London with Jonathan Hayward, the Wolves chairman, and although no official announcement will be made before a press conference at Molineux this morning, there is little doubt his appointment has only to be rubber-stamped.

Wolves have a first division game with Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park tonight when victory could lift them to within two points of the promotion play-off zone.

Taylor's first home game in charge will be against Tranmere Rovers at Molineux on Saturday. He inherits a club steeped in glory and tradition, but only recently recovered from a near terminal decline.

The former Aston Villa and Watford manager, who won promotion to the old first division with both those clubs, was first linked with the Wolves job soon after leaving Lancaster Gate in November.

The team, however, kept the pressure off his predecessor, Graham Turner, by losing only once in 22 games, while also progressing to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup.

Taylor, who in the meantime turned down the chance to take over from Terry Cooper at Birmingham City, was still the hot favourite when Turner tendered his resignation on March 16. But only until Hayward and his father, Sir Jack, the club's Bahamas-based multi-millionaire owner and benefactor, began to get cold feet as a result of immediate adverse reaction from supporters based on Taylor's eccentric behaviour in the television documentary, *Cutting Edge*, and the way he had been pilloried in the national media.

When Taylor flew to Malaga last Thursday for a combined coaching and holiday trip with his wife, Rita, he was resigned to having lost the job to Gerry Francis. But the following day the former England captain elected to stay at Queens Park Rangers, despite being offered a four-year contract worth a reputed £1 million.

And with the only other principal contender, Bryan Robson, the former England and Manchester United captain, effectively pricing himself out of the market, the ball was back in Taylor's court again.

On hearing of his pending appointment last night, Ron Atkinson, who took over at Villa Park from Taylor's successor, Dr Joe Venglos, predicted Wolves had made the right choice.

"I'm sure Graham will do very well at Molineux and I wish him all the best," he said. "Wolves are a major club. I wouldn't mind betting Graham will take them up either this season or next."

Derek Mountfield, the Wolves defender Taylor signed from Everton while in charge at Villa Park, last night welcomed the prospect of working with him again.

"If he's appointed I have no doubt he will do a good job. I have a lot of respect for him. On the day to day running of a club he is in a different class. He is always organised and the players know where they stand with him.

"We always enjoyed training because he changes it around all the time."

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It needed four people to carry the Sporting Life Trophy, above, the biggest in British sport, when it went on show yesterday at the Museum of London (John Goodbody writes). Because of its dimensions — 5ft tall and 2ft wide — the 85-year-old trophy will be presented jointly to the male and female winners of the Nutrasweet London Marathon on April 17. The trophy was designed in 1909, after the interest created by the marathon at the 1908 Olympics. Between 1909 and 1961, it was presented to the winner of the Polytechnic marathon.
Photograph: Des Jenson

Mackay parts company with Fulham

BY KEITH PIKE

DON Mackay's 27-month reign as manager of Fulham ended last night. A statement from the struggling second division club said his contract had been terminated by mutual consent.

Mackay, 54, becomes the 24th manager in senior English football to part company with his club this season. Since succeeding Alan Dicks in January, 1992, he has waged a continuing battle against the London club's shortage of cash.

Last year, he steered Fulham to a comfortable mid-table position, but they have been in relegation trouble all this season, and, despite improved form in the last two months, are eighteenth in the table. Ray Lewington, Mackay's assistant, who was formerly in charge at Craven Cottage between 1986-1990, takes over from the game against Cambridge tonight until a permanent replacement is found.

"The dismissal came as a bolt out of the blue. I'm very disappointed," Mackay said last night.

Mackay, the former goalkeeper whose playing career was spent mostly in Scotland, coached Bristol City before managing Dundee United, Coventry City, Rangers and Blackburn Rovers between 1980 and 1983. He also had four years in charge of Coventry City, and a short period as manager of Rangers before becoming manager of Blackburn Rovers in 1987.

Mackay led Rovers to the Second Division play-offs in successive years before being replaced by Kenny Dalglish in 1991.

Salvatore "Toto" Schillaci, the outstanding forward in Italy's 1990 World Cup side, is expected to be allowed to join a Japanese team as his club, Internazionale, begins a shuffle of players for the next soccer season. The first move of the new process announced by president Ernesto Pellegrini Monday was the signing of a new coach, Ottavio Bianchi, for the 1994-95 campaign.

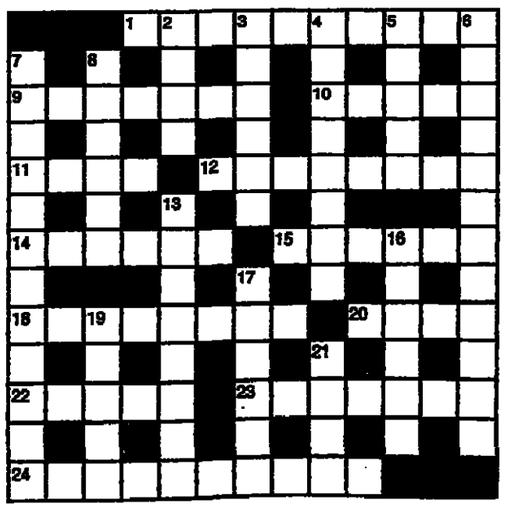
Schillaci, 29, has a provisional agreement to play with Jubilo Iwata in the Japanese league.

☐ Bernard Tapie, the Marseilles owner, has been charged with fraud and embezzlement in relation to the French club's dealings in the transfer market.

Tapie, in a statement, described the charges as "totally false" and said they resulted from a plot to discredit him. He also claimed he had invested Frfr180 million of his own money in the team, and would be the one most hurt by any embezzlement.

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MORSE



TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 125

ACROSS

1 Complicated road junction (6,4)
9 Minder (7)
10 (Poetically) gloomy (5)
11 Rummage for food; establish (4)
12 Hawthorn hedge (8)
14 Junior minister of church (6)
15 Audience cheer-leading team (6)
18 Sea-rescue vessel (8)
20 Feral; very angry (4)
22 Fibre transmitting bodily impulse (5)
23 Get stronger (of wind) (7)
24 Iced gin cocktail (3,7)

DOWN

2 Gentle rhythm: pleasant accent (4)
3 Good character (6)
4 Make fun of (8)
5 Equal odds (5)
6 Introduction of bill to Parliament (5,7)
7 Mars (3,3,6)
8 Goat or rabbit-hair fabric (6)
13 Mexican wide-brimmed hat (8)
16 Savoury flan (6)
17 Prolonged reprimand (6)
19 Meeting for public discussion (5)
21 Stingy (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 124

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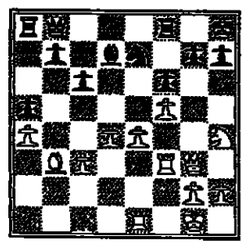
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Veselinovic - Collen, Canada 1970. Black's pieces seem to have deserted their king, leaving it exposed to White forces. Not surprisingly it was unequal to the task of keeping them at bay. How did White proceed?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ACEPHALOUS
a. A cuttle fish
b. Headless
c. A type of column

BARTAVEL
a. Communal table in a pub
b. In Armoury, an elbow-guard
c. The Red Partridge

NITHER
a. On the other side
b. To bring down
c. A flowering grass

PERKIN
a. Dregs of cider
b. An oatmeal biscuit
c. A strait-jacket

Answers on page 44

Tomorrow.

Sun will be moving in from the west, bringing much improved conditions to all parts.

Outlook: Fine.

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